

**BURIEN BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)
STUDY SESSION**

Date: June 12, 2009

Time: 7:00 -- 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Judy Coovert, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Nancy Hinthorne, Renée Klein, Alice Madsen, Mark Minium, Carmen Moore, Doug Moreland

Excused Absentees: Dave Elliott, Jim Hughes, Jane Voget

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant

Guests: Mayor Joan McGilton, Councilmembers Kathy Keene and Gordon Shaw, Patty Sader, Executive Director, Discover Burien; Shelley Brittingham, Burien Arts Commission, Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Michael Goldsmith, Chair

Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2009.

Chair's Report

Michael invited BEDP members to support the new coffee shop on 152nd -- Burien Press. Michael had spoken with the new owners and they had mentioned experiencing a bit of a "feat" with the permitting process. Michael wondered whether we have a list for small businesses so that they can anticipate everything that they'll need to do to get their permits. He mentioned the process did not seem "streamlined." The owners would be willing to talk about their experience at a future BEDP meeting, should the group wish.

Michael wondered whether as part of the visioning process, any thought to identifying businesses as amenities we'd like to have in Burien and recruiting those businesses to Burien has been considered.

Michael announced that Geri Fain had received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Highline Schools Foundation at their recent luncheon. Congratulations, Geri. Mike had Mayor McGilton mention the July 2nd event with Thomas Seiverts. The Mayor asked Janet to forward to the Partnership, a list of possible places to visit on a downtown walking tour. The Visioning Subcommittee will take a look and provide feedback to Janet regarding the Mayor's list.

City Manager Report

Mike welcomed everyone to City Hall, and informed us that we will plan to meet upstairs in the Miller Creek Conference Room for our meetings. He mentioned that people should park on the north side of the building in the parking lot, and come in the north doors, and take the elevator up to the third floor.

This Saturday is the big Grand Opening of Town Square, which includes the Library, City Hall, Town Square Park, the Condominiums, and Transit Center. The Ribbon-cutting ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m.

We are in the process of making budget cuts and this will be discussed at Monday night's meeting. Annexation is going well and the vote in North Highline will occur on August 18th. We will be taking possession of the old Library building this month and it will undergo a \$1 million remodel to serve as the Interim Community/Senior Center.

The Environmental Science Center will be breaking ground this summer. It appears that Phase 2 of First Avenue S. will be funded.

Economic Development Report

Dick announced that the last \$5.5 million has been secured for the Transit Oriented Development. The hope is to break ground on the garage in January. We have been working with the developer for the last three or four months. This is an important project to continue the momentum of redevelopment in Burien with a new project.

Discover Burien

Art will begin being displayed in empty storefronts on 152nd Street. Jorstad Jewelers will be the first business to have art displayed in the windows.

The Father's Day Car Show will be next Sunday – June 21st.

Dr. Allan Spicciati, Chief Accountability Officer – Highline School District

Dr. Spicciati gave an overview of the Burien schools (which comprise approximately 28% of the overall district) in the Highline School District. Members were surprised to see that our statistics are much better when separated out from the entire District. Attached is a PowerPoint that accompanied his presentation.

Arts Commission Recommendations for Economic Element of Comprehensive Plan

Based on a request from the Visioning Subcommittee, four people from the Arts Commission went through the goals in the Economic Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and brought recommendations back to the full Arts Commission, who discussed and agreed to the suggestions on the document sent to BEDP via email (copy attached).

Shelley Brittingham gave a brief outline of the highlights of the Arts Commission's recommendations. BEDP members had an opportunity to ask questions and have them answered by Shelley.

Round the Table

Renée Klein mentioned that the Highline Hospital Foundation is hosting a golf tournament on July 15th. She also stated they are looking for Board Members for the Foundation, and they'd like to have more diversity and more young professionals become involved on the Board.

Renée offered that BEDP could meet at the hospital, and that we could also get a hard hat tour.

Nancy Hinthorne: Randy Dorn, new Superintendent of Public Instruction is speaking today at the membership luncheon.

Doug Moreland: Want to acknowledge the culmination of the Town Square and how all the years of hard work have come together.

Geri Fain: Thanks for allowing Dr. Spicciati to present.

Judy Coovert: If you need information on changes in the Department of Revenue, Judy will be happy to give you additional details.

Mayor McGilton: Acknowledged Kevin Fitz's contribution to our being in this City Hall.

Gordon Shaw: If you see any original members of our Burien City Council on Saturday, please thank them for having the foresight to set aside money to purchase property for this purpose.