

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

Date: October 9, 2009

Time: 7-9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Judy Coover, Dave Elliott, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Renee Klein, Alice Madsen, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland, Jane Voget

Excused Absentees: Bob Ewing, Nancy Hinthorne, Carmen Moore

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

Guests: Councilmember Gordon Shaw, Marco Milanese, Port of Seattle

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

Minutes from the September 11, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Chair's Report

Michael commented about the power of intention and what can be accomplished when people or communities do things intentionally.

City Manager Report

Mike Martin reported that there has been a steady trickle of good things happening. Wizards Casino will be reopening soon, and there are a number of other small businesses opening here. There is a momentum.

The City has been meeting informally with legislators about our plans. We will meet with them again in January, but these early meetings tend to get us a more focused, somewhat more casual conversation, and tend to be longer than the January meetings. There is really no money available this year, but we hope to let the legislators know about some of the large projects that we want to do in the future. The 509/518 Interchange is one of the topics we discuss. The Burien car dealers are interested and involved in this effort.

In response to a question, Mike gave a brief overview of the NERA vision and the vision for 1st Avenue South, should the auto dealers move off of First Avenue.

Mike mentioned Initiative 1033 and discussed options for Burien if it passes.

Economic Manager Report

Dick Loman reported on a possible amendment to the Disposition & Development Agreement (DDA) that is being proposed by Urban Partners. The theatre group interested in opening a 10-screen theatre in Town Square is preparing a rendering and their President/CEO will be coming before Council on November 2nd to present the rendering, introduce himself and answer questions from Council.

The Transit Oriented Development is still on track for breaking ground in January or February 2010. The deal will be going before the King County Council for approval.

We have a steady trickle of new businesses coming in, despite the economy.

Discover Burien Report

Lori Alden, President, was unable to attend this morning. Dick reported that Discover Burien has identified a prospective new Executive Director. References are still being checked, etc., but it looks very good. Judy Coovert knows the prospective candidate and spoke about his qualifications. Judy thinks he would be a great asset to Burien.

Michael Goldsmith commented that Discover Burien had put on a nice event for Oktoberfest. But, he said he had many people asking, where is the beer garden? A couple of Discover Burien Board members (who are also BEDP members) spoke up about the difficulty of providing a beer garden due to security and insurance issues. They may reexamine this in the future.

Economic Development Element

In Bob Ewing's absence, Dick Loman reviewed the comments that the Planning Commission had made in regard to the recommendations the BEDP gave to them about the Economic Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission suggested encouraging more cluster-type economic development in the future. They identified a couple additional clusters: restaurants and car dealerships, and perhaps an educational cluster should be encouraged with emphasis on art studies. This was the only suggestion for change/addition.

Round The Table

Judy: The Marketing Subcommittee decided that they should be in a holding pattern until the new DB Executive Director is hired. The Washington Policy Centers came up with a proposal as an alternative to a B&O tax. Governor Gregoire is looking at it.

Renee: Healers Hoopla new ER Campaign -- Oct. 24

Mark: Oktoberfest & Brat Trot were both successful. \$25,000+ was raised for local charities

Dick: Brokers for "The Landing" in Renton are very aggressively talking to local merchants and offering low rents.

Doug: There was a good article about what the City of Everett is doing with empty storefronts. They have an active art operation w/an artist at work. It creates positive energy where you have no energy. Doug asked about getting a mural on the wall on the side of the Dollar store. Our community is being scoped out all the time. The winner of the Brat Trot run was from Poulsbo. Doug commends Dan for taking on this event.

Michael: I can't be here next time so Judy will fill in at the next meeting.