

# **Burien Business & Economic Development Partnership (BEDP)**

## **Minutes**

**Date:** November 13, 2009

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

**Members Present:** Alice Madsen, Bob Ewing, Dave Elliott, Mark Minium, Nancy Hinthorne, Judy Coovert, Jim Hughes, Renee Klein, Doug Moreland

**Excused Absentees:** Kevin Fitz, Geri Fain, Michael Goldsmith, Jane Voget

**Absent:** Carmen Moore

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

**Guests:** Mayor Joan McGilton, Councilmembers: Keene & Shaw, Marco Milanese, Port of Seattle, Stuart Low, Burien Business Owner; Steve Gilbert, Discover Burien Executive Director

**Call to Order:** Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Judy Coovert, Vice Chair

### **Chair's Report**

As Vice Chair, Judy Coovert is filling in for Michael Goldsmith this month. Judy mentioned the Soroptomist Club's wreath sale. Contact her if interested.

Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2009, as written.

### **City Manager Report**

Mike reported that Initiative 1033 was defeated. He mentioned that the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the biennial budget was brought to the City Council on Monday night. The significant change in the budget is the additional \$3 million brought by the annexation of North Highline. Half of that amount will go to fund police. We will also hire more employees as necessary.

The annual comprehensive plan amendments were brought to Council on Monday night as well. This included the Economic Development Element that BEDP worked on. Bob Ewing suggested that the Economic Development subcommittee stay together to pursue the goals that were laid out in the Economic element.

Zoning in North Highline was also discussed. Burien will be asking the Seattle City Council what their plans are for the area north of the new Burien border.

We're making great progress on the NERA. WSDOT is putting finishing touches on the study we funded. The plan is to build an eastbound leg into NERA off of 518, with the expectation we will build the other leg in the future. Rep. Dave Upthegrove is being very helpful and we've also had an offer of help from Rep. Ross Hunter. We are looking at ways that we could make it attractive for businesses to move into NERA. We are completing the

planning in NERA that will include the SEPA. This makes it much quicker and easier for people to develop there.

### **Economic Manager Report**

Regarding the possibility of Galaxy Theatres coming to Town Square, staff drafted a deal point memorandum to Urban Partners based on feedback from the Council. We are in preliminary stages talking about business points. Two things critical to the theater's moving forward are: A business arrangement must be worked out between the Galaxy Theatre group and Urban Partners; and parking must be secured at the TOD for nights and weekends.

TOD Status: Metro is waiting for the King County Council to approve the arrangements for the TOD in public sessions.

### **Discover Burien Report—Doug Moreland**

Discover Burien has hired Steve Gilbert as the new Executive Director. Steve has a fantastic history in Economic Development. We think the relationship with the Partnership will change with Steve's leadership. He will help achieve the City's objectives. Steve introduced himself and mentioned that he was very excited to see the opportunity in Burien. He commented on the sense of community we have here. Steve looks forward to working with everyone here.

### **2050 Project on Sustainability**

Bob Ewing has been participating in this effort for Weyerhaeuser. The project looks at the concept of sustainability and what we need to do to have a sustainable planet going forward. Bob stressed that these are private businesses that are concerned about this. They are not being forced, but understand that they have to change the way business is being done to ensure sustainability. Bob presented the basic concepts of the project. Empty World → Full World; Current tools available for business models are based on an "empty-world" viewpoint which means that there is no assumption of cost involved in using the planet's resources such as clean water, air, and trees. A handout on the presentation was provided to all attendees.

### Round The Table

Nancy Hinthorne mentioned that Dan Satterburg will be speaking at the Southwest King County Chamber Luncheon today.

Renee Klein – V.I.P. Hard hat tours of Highline E.R. are available – you're invited

Larry Blanchard introduced himself – new PW Director