

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

**Date:** January 8, 2010

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

**Members Present:** Michael Goldsmith, Judy Coovert, Renee Klein, Doug Moreland, Geri Fain, Jim Hughes, Alice Madsen, Mark Minium

**Excused Absentees:** Jane Voget, Dave Elliott, Bob Ewing, Kevin Fitz, Nancy Hinthorne, Carmen Moore

**Staff:** Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager

**Guests:** Mayor Joan McGilton; Steve Gilbert, Discover Burien Executive Director

**Call to Order:** Meeting opened at 7:05 a.m. by Michael Goldsmith, Chair

**Chair's Report**

Holiday season at Elliot Bay proved to be better than expected with many organizations electing to have office parties locally rather than in Seattle.

Minutes of the December 11, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

**City Manager Report**

Mike announced that newly elected King County Executive, Dow Constantine, had reversed the earlier County decision to sell a portion of Puget Sound Park to the King County Library system. On that basis, he will ask our Council to move ahead and establish the annexation date as April 1, 2010.

**Economic Manager Report**

Dick announced that Jane Voget is seriously ill and will be on medical leave until further notice.

He went on to say that after the usual holiday hiatus, things pending in his area are definitely moving again. Metro advised him that King County Council staff were finally reviewing the TOD garage business papers and would likely be adding the approval to the earliest Council agenda. Metro feels construction could begin by September, after city building permits are issued.

Dick also mentioned that Urban Partners had begun serious negotiations with the FDIC, which they hope will result in the re-purchase or re-setting of that construction loan with the former Corus Bank.

The theater proposal is on hold until a definite construction start date can be established for the parking garage. Path forward is on hold until then.

**Discover Burien Report—Steve Gilbert**

Steve reported that the 2010 colored "events" calendar has come back from the printer and is available to all. The annual Discover Burien Retreat will take place Wednesday, January 13, at 4:00 PM at Sal's Deli. The retreat is expected to last about four hours.

## **Review of the 2009 Accomplishments and the 2010 Work Program**

Michael Goldsmith introduced the subject. After a brief review of major activities during 2009, the discussion centered on 2010 goals and work items, with particular emphasis on the notion of “sustainability.”

Mike Martin suggested that “sustainable” activity advances “piece by piece.” Mayor McGilton gave the example of the Tin Room reusing significant portions of the former metal-working facility, and the Coffee Press reusing materials from the prior store front. Michael suggested that a City Sustainability Score Card be considered, and going ahead, a sustainability culture in Burien be encouraged.

Other items discussed included business retention, and improvement of our schools.

An outreach program to the businesses in the annexation area was also suggested, as well as working closely with the new executive director of Discover Burien to market Burien to new businesses.

Ongoing issues will continue to include NERA, the Viaduct, SR518, and new state interchange at SR509 and Des Moines Memorial Drive.

In closing, Mike Martin mentioned “big ideas” that would be discussed at the upcoming City Council Retreat on January 16. These include the possibility of purchasing electricity directly from Bonneville and setting up a Public Safety District with the airport cities.

More discussion on 2010 goals will follow at the next meeting.

## **Round The Table**

Geri Fain: Construction at Parkside Elementary School in Des Moines will be completed by February 15, and construction will soon begin at McMicken heights in SeaTac.

Alice Madsen: HCC is over-enrolled and faculty is busy doing more with less.

Jim Hughes: felt the emphasis this year needs to be on business retention in Burien. Crosswalk to TOD Garage should be constructed like Seattle crosswalks.

Doug Moreland: concerned about how to measure turnover in the Highline school system and its effect.

Michael Goldsmith: concerned about the perception of lack of public safety in Burien at night.

**Meeting concluded at 9:00 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: February 12, 7:00 a.m. at City Hall**