

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

Date: December 11, 2009

Time: 7-9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Michael Goldsmith, Bob Ewing, Dave Elliott, Nancy Hinthorne, Judy Coovert, Renee Klein, Doug Moreland, Geri Fain, Carmen Moore, Kevin Fitz

Excused Absentees: Jim Hughes, Alice Madsen, Mark Minium, Jane Voget

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

Guests: Mayor Joan McGilton, Councilmember: Kathy Keene; Steve Gilbert, Discover Burien Executive Director; Brooks Stanfield, Citizen; Beto Yarce, Outreach Coordinator & Latino Business Specialist for Washington CASH

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

Chair's Report

Michael did not give a report.

Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2009, as written.

City Manager Report

Mike met with Frank Cantwell, Principal of Holy Family Parish School in White Center, who is the President of the White Center Chamber of Commerce. He was reaching out to see whether there might be a way to work together with Burien in the future.

Mike reported on the suggestions we provided that would help us develop NERA. He also mentioned that Scott Greenberg received the Public Employee of the Year award from the Master Builders Association & Puget Sound Chapter of the American Planning Association for Burien's Pre-construction meeting process.

We plan to send a letter to the Mayor of Seattle asking what their intentions are around the annexation of the north portion of north Highline. Their intentions will help us with decisions we need to make up there regarding our own annexation.

Mike is meeting with Fred Jarrett today to communicate our position regarding the Puget Sound Park issue. We will be talking with the Library Board next week.

Economic Manager Report

We are working on the renewal of contracts with both the Chamber & Discover Burien.

Dick is beginning to think about annexation and how we will reach out to the businesses in the annexation area. Coincidentally, Dick already had a conversation with another member of the White Center Chamber of Commerce prior to Mike's meeting. There is definitely an opportunity to work with this group.

The Theater group is now looking at Parcel 4 as the preferred option to build a multi-plex theater. The TOD & Theater are related because of the economics of the theater. The development would need the TOD to be built in order for the theatre to move forward because it would be dependent upon the parking.

The Building Official asked Dick to remind people to check their pipes. Sprinkler systems are freezing and are causing problems when they thaw, with pipes bursting.

Discover Burien Report—Steve Gilbert

Steve is getting very excited about 2010. Discover Burien is getting ready to send out the event calendar for 2010. The Winterfest was very well attended and very diverse. Steve mentioned hearing several different languages being spoken while walking among the crowd. The Board is holding their retreat in January and will be discussing how to put together their 2010 action plan. Judy Coovert & Steve Gilbert had a meeting to look at how to put together some information on the property inventory that we do have in Burien. Judy looks forward to working Steve on this project.

Beto Yarce – Washington CASH

Beto introduced himself and gave a bit of background on how he came to be in Burien. He explained how he was able to develop a business that makes a comfortable living by getting a small loan and starting a “micro-business.” He believes Micro-business provides good opportunities. He is involved with Washington Community Alliance for Self-Help (CASH). Their goal is to make clients self-sufficient. He has been running a program for Latino clients out of the Burien Community Center for just over one year. They have had many success stories in that time. They give microloans of \$1,000 - \$5,000 for clients to get started. Clients must be ready to go through the CASH Program. If they are not ready, they are referred to other programs to seek lower-level assistance.

Geri Fain --HSD

Geri showed a copy of the Highline School District Report. They are trying to have an informative way to show their goals and how the District is doing. Geri mentioned that the district now has 64% of its students receiving Free and Reduced Lunches. There are a lot of challenges, but they are making progress. The Superintendent will make a recommendation in May about when the District goes out for the next round of bonds for new schools. She mentioned that Parkside in Des Moines will open in February and construction will soon begin on McMicken. Those students will be at Sunnydale in the interim. Aviation still needs money.

Round The Table

Nancy: Southwest King County Chamber Holiday Lunch today – Rainier GCC –noon.

Carmen: Our January meeting is the same day as the Legislative breakfast – Carmen & Nancy will be gone.

Renee: #1 thing to do this season is hand-sanitize.

Brooks – May be able to help with a land/building inventorying project in Burien.

Steve – Buy all of your holiday presents local. Support your community.

Kathy Keene – Thank you for all you do.

Joan McGilton - Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to the betterment of the community.