

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership  
(BEDP)  
Study Session  
Friday, June 24, 2016  
7:30 – 9:00 am  
Burien City Hall  
400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, 3rd Floor  
Miller Creek Conference Room

Present: Matthew Wendland, Chair, Dan Mathews, Vice Chair, Dean Anderson, Judy Coovert, Pier David, Denise Ferguson, Suzanne Greive, Robbie Howell, Rodolfo Hernandez McIntyre, Jay Hasbrouck, Jr., Daniel Poiree, Paul Smith, and Nancy Scholl.

Excused/Absent: None.

Staff: Carol Allread, Chris Craig, and Dan Trimble.

Guest: Chestine Edgar, Resident; and Nancy Tosta, Councilmember.

**Public Comment:**

Chestine Edgar commented on the Downtown Mobility Parking recommendations.

**Regional Tourism Update:**

Katherine Kertzman discusses the recent partnering of Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority (RTA) and Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce. The goal of the partnership is “to better promote the region as a destination, bolster tourism and drive the economic vitality” of the region. As part of the change, the Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce has become the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce. The partnership is made effective through a memorandum of understanding in which both organizations will leverage the Seattle Southside name. Katherine explains the benefits of partnering with Seattle Southside RTA through the Chamber, including promoting the City as a travel destination, attracting more people to City businesses, and promoting City events.

**Correspondence Regarding Parking Discussion:**

Matthew Wendland, Chair, presents a draft letter prepared in response to correspondence dated June 11, 2016, from resident John White. A motion was made authorizing Matthew to make edits to the memo as suggested by BEDP members and forward to the Council. Daniel Poiree moves to approve the motion, Robbie Howell seconds; the motion passes unanimously. Dan Mathews recuses himself from the vote.

**City Updates:**

Dan Trimble, Economic Development Manager, provides an update:

- The Town Square Apartments are on schedule for a summer 2017 delivery;
- Merrill Gardens Senior Living expects a slight delay due to material and construction issues;
- Staff and Councilmembers participated in a hardhat tour of both facilities in May;
- Ground has been broken in the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) for a 238,000 square foot cold storage facility;
- The sale of the formerly City owned NERA properties closed at the \$4.5 million sale price;
- The Port is looking for a developer for their property east and south of the City’s parcels in the NERA;
- CHI Franciscan held a grand opening and tour of the Franciscan Medical Pavilion-Highline on June 8.

Kamuron Gurol, City Manager, provides an update:

- The adoption of the City of Burien 4-year Strategic Plan;
- Early Action Plan and coordination with the upcoming 2017/2018 Budget.

**Discover Burien Report:**

Discover Burien staff member Denise Ferguson provides an update:

- Discover Burien staff is gearing up for the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Parade, which is now a Seafair sanctioned event. Seafair offers program participants resources that include support, training, information, marketing and event promotions, operational and administrative assistance.
- The Oilerie, a locally owned specialty food shop, will open June 25 with the grand opening scheduled for July 30.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 am.