

May 16, 2016 Special Meeting – Listening Session at Kentwood High School
Approved: June 14, 2016

**City of Covington
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 16, 2016**

The Special Meeting was called to order in the Performing Arts Center of Kentwood High School, 25800 164th Avenue SE, Covington, Washington, on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 8:10 a.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Margaret Harto, and Jim Scott.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhooon, and Sean Smith.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Wagner greeted the students and called the special meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers and staff introduced themselves.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Listening Session to Receive Student Comments on the Town Center Plan.

Community Development Director Richard Hart gave a presentation on the Council's vision for the Town Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Sixteen high school students provided comments to the Council regarding their views, ideas and suggestions for the new town center as to what activities, programs, and amenities they would like included in the project.

The following is a categorized list of their suggestions.

Restaurants:

- Chipotle or Mexican Grill
- 80's style throwback diner or restaurant
- Cafes
- Additional sit-down restaurants to go to after football games as current restaurants are full

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Entertainment:

- Drive-in theater
- Choir; dance presentations from surrounding schools

Recreation:

- Basketball court in park
- Swimming pool (Kentwood Swim Team currently uses Kent Meridian pool)
- Go Karts
- More teenage dances
- Roller skating rink
- 3 on 3 basketball tournament
- Bowling alley (to include arcade and karaoke)
- Laser tag
- Trampoline Nation

Concerns/Questions:

- Why new elementary school? less expensive to relocate town center?
- What will become of city hall space?
- More job opportunities besides fast food and grocery
- Timeline for project?
- Promotion is important – use daily announcement; Snap Chat - Covington filter

Community

- Boys & Girls Club such as YMCA
- Holiday events and concerts
- Seahawk events: tailgate and mascots
- Events community could do together – Capture the Flag
- Parade
- Teen dances with student run music and student DJs, and food trucks

Retail

- Small businesses
- Pac Sun
- Zumiez
- Additional shopping

Other

- Find culture for Town Center. Find what is Covington's theme and incorporate that into Town Center.
- Better Christmas tree
- Better festival
- Winter festival like Snowflake lane

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Education

- Green River College

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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