

COVINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100
Covington, WA 98042
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MINUTES Thursday, December 3, 2015

Jeff Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Zach Steele, Krista Bates, Jeff Wagner, Laura Roth, Ed Cook, Steve Pand (arrived late)

Members Absent: Kevin Holland, Lisa Agron, Josh Lyons, Kathy Fosjord

Also Present: Kathryn Groves, Regan Bolli

Chamber Announcements – Kathryn Groves, Chamber Manager

- 2 new members: Sam's Club and Scott Beusch with Edward Jones.
- Board Election Results: Zach Steele new Chair, 2 new board members, Scott Beusch and Tina Armstrong, 3 returning board members, Lisa Agron, Brian Hanis, and Jeff Wagner. Chair Elect position is still vacant.
- Upcoming Events: 12/10/15 Holiday Luncheon, 12/11/15 Hockey Game, 1/8/16 SSCCLC Legislative Breakfast.

City Announcements – Regan Bolli, City Manager:

- Chick-Fil-A plans have been approved.
- Property behind Home Depot has been purchased, plumbing and electrical supply store is planning on going in.
- Cedar Spring Apartments are moving along.
- Inland Group development in Town Center area is coming along.
- Working on right-of-way acquisition to widen Kent Kanglely at Jenkins Creek.

Discussion of CEDC Initiatives

- Business Communication & Education: Spring Business Breakfast scheduled for April 27, 2016 from 7:30am to 9:30am. Brad Worthley will be the speaker, still need to choose a topic, reserve a caterer and procure sponsors and door prizes.
- Branding: A budget request for \$5,000 to be used for branding has been submitted to the city. City council will vote on Tuesday. Karla is working on welcome packages with branding items to distribute to people and businesses moving into the area.
- Play Unplugged: Cedar Valley PTA is interested in participating, remaining elementary schools still need to be contacted: Jenkins Creek, Crestwood, and Covington Elementary.
- Open Houses: Invitations made and community room scheduled for first open house on January 28, 2016. Open house will start at 5:30pm with roundtable discussions starting at 6pm. First open house is for commercial brokers and contractors, with additional open houses for other groups to follow. Look at Business Outreach Survey for question ideas, Kathryn will email survey out to CEDC members.

Comments:

- Laura: reminded everyone about Covington Hollydaze events happening this weekend.

Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2015:

Motion made by Krista to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed 6-0

Next Meeting: January 28, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

CEDC Members

Zach Steele, Co-Chair

Krista Bates

Lisa Agron

Josh Lyons

Kevin Holland

Jeff Wagner, Co-Chair

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Laura Roth

Kathy Fosjord

Ed Cook

Staff

Regan Bolli, City Manager

Kathryn Groves, Covington Chamber of Commerce Manager