

# COVINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

City Council Chambers  
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## MINUTES Thursday, July 28, 2016

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

**Members Present:** Zach Steele, Krista Bates (arrived late), Lisa Agron, Josh Lyons, Kevin Holland (arrived late), Jeff Wagner, Steve Pand, Laura Roth, Ed Cook

**Members Absent:** Kathy Fosjord

**Also Present:** Regan Bolli (arrived late), Kathryn Groves

### Approval of Minutes from May 26:

Moved by Zach Steele, seconded by Steve Pand to approve minutes as presented. Approved 7-0.

### Announcements:

Chamber – Kathryn Groves

- Grady Hollenbeck and Adam Turley were appointed as the new CEDC members on the Chamber side to replace Lisa and Kevin whose terms expire this month.
- Working on our legislative agenda, identified 2 issues we would like to focus on:
  - Puget Sound Regional Council's conditional certification of the city's comprehensive plan and refusal to reclassify Covington as a larger city. Would like this be a topic at an upcoming chamber luncheon and/or business breakfast.
  - Developing partnerships with Maple Valley to help lobby for additional funding for widening Kent Kanglely.

City of Covington – Regan Bolli

- April/May sales tax reports: April was another consecutive record month, May was a record month for construction.
- Updates on Town Center, Cedar Springs, and Chick Fil-A, all coming along.
- Covington Way Center occupancy being delayed due to sewer issues.
- Working on design and purchase of right-of-way for 272<sup>nd</sup>
- Oakpointe is trying to move up the timeline for the funding of 204<sup>th</sup>

### Discussion of CEDC Initiatives:

- Business Communication and Education:
  - Topic changed to the PSRC issue per recommendation from the Chamber Board. Will invite a panel of 3 speakers: a representative from the Master Builders Association, Regan to speak on behalf of the city, and maybe a representative from the PSRC. Also discussed Sam Pace representing Realtors and Tom Keown from the Covington Water District as other potential speakers.
  - The Community Room is available September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Krista will reserve.

- Branding:
  - Will set a committee meeting soon.
- Play Unplugged:
  - Laura reported that she has had a lot of participants come to her office.

### **Discussion on Council/Chamber Communication Plan**

- Since Jeff will no longer be on CEDC, another member will need to attend City Council meetings to give the CEDC update. Suggested rotating amongst CEDC members.

### **Discussion on upcoming Open House**

- Would like to move the Open House to October 27<sup>th</sup> since we are already having the Business Breakfast in September.
- Potential topic: “What ‘Growing Towards Greatness’ means for your business?” Educate businesses about growth/development, services the city offers, higher education and transportation issues.
- Karla will work marketing materials, Josh and Laura volunteered to help with refreshments.

### **Review CEDC Mission/Vision Statement**

- Postponed until next meeting with the new CEDC members

### **Comments:**

- Ed: CEDC is in the best shape it’s been since he has been involved.
- Laura: reminded everyone about the Sausage & Cider Fest August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Zach: Thank you to all the CEDC members leaving.
- Steve: Will miss all the members that are leaving, thank you for all the years of work.
- Kevin: Learned a lot from serving on CEDC, will miss everyone.
- Jeff: CEDC has come a long way since it began, feels he’s leaving it in good hands.

Next Regular Meeting: August 25, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

### **CEDC Members**

Zach Steele, Co-Chair  
 Krista Bates  
 Lisa Agron  
 Josh Lyons  
 Kevin Holland

Jeff Wagner, Co-Chair  
 Steven Pand  
 Laura Roth  
 Kathy Fosjord  
 Ed Cook

### **Staff**

Regan Bolli, City Manager  
 Kathryn Groves, Covington Chamber of Commerce Manager