

COVINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
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MINUTES Thursday, August 25, 2016

Zach Steele called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Zach Steele, Krista Bates, Josh Lyons, Grady Hollenbeck, Mathew McMahan, Steve Pand, Laura Roth, Kathy Fosjord, Jon Stave

Members Absent: Adam Turley

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

Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2016 Meeting:

Moved by Steve Pand, seconded by Laura Roth to approve minutes as presented. Approved 9-0.

Overview/History of CEDC:

- Discussed history of CEDC and some of their past projects and accomplishments.
- Reviewed duties of CEDC as outlined in Section 6 of the charter.

Announcements:

Chamber – Kathryn Groves

- Taking nominations now for Board of Directors, elections will take place in October.
- Strategic Planning for next year including continuing to work on legislative agenda and developing a plan to transition to a virtual office in 2017.

City of Covington – Regan Bolli

Overview of current development projects:

- Covington Commercial: tenants will include Marshals/Home Goods, Famous Footwear, a beauty supply store.
- Affordable and senior housing behind Safeway now open.
- City working with Kent School District to purchase Covington Elementary site for new Town Center.
- Cedar Springs Apartments: approximately 170 units across from Red Robin.
- Permits just submitted for new housing development on 204th, approximately 170 lots.
- Maple Hills: approximately 280 single family lots.
- Hawk Property: approximately 1 million square feet of commercial space and mixed use residential. Developers working with Sound Transit to bring bus routes to development.
- Chick-fil-A: moving slowly, working on traffic mitigation plan.

Updates on CEDC Initiatives:

- Business Breakfast: September 22nd

- Panel of speakers discussing the PSRC issue including Regan on behalf of the city, a representative from Master Builders Association, and possibly representatives from PSRC and Covington Water District.
- 3 sponsors: RE/MAX, Finance of America, and Republic Services.
- Karla making postcard invitations to mail to Covington businesses.
- Open House: October 27th
 - Richard or Salina will speak on city/development services, Regan will give an update on development projects.
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- Branding
 - Karla requesting to use remaining branding funds to purchase branding items. \$5,000 was approved in the 2016 budget to be used towards branding.

Chair Elections

- Motion by Steve Pand to appoint Laura Roth as Co-Chair on City side and Krista Bates as Co-Chair on Chamber side. Seconded by Kathy Fosjord. Approved 9-0.
- Motion by Krista Bates to change meeting time from 6:30pm to 6:00pm. Seconded by Laura Roth. Approved 9-0.

Comments:

- Kathy: Glad to be back, was on vacation last month.
- Grady: Enjoyed his first meeting, looking forward to next month.
- Steve: Welcome to all the new members.
- Regan: Welcome new members and congratulations to new chairs.
- Mathew: Would like to see CEDC discuss plans for times of growth and decline.
- Jon: Great to see this level of engagement, looking forward to getting to know everyone.
- Kathryn: Look forward to working with all the new members.
- Laura: Sausage & Cider Fest had great attendance, vendors sold a lot more than last year.

Next Regular Meeting: September 22, 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

CEDC Members

Zach Steele, Co-Chair
 Krista Bates
 Adam Turley
 Josh Lyons
 Grady Hollenbeck

Mathew McMahan
 Steven Pand
 Laura Roth
 Kathy Fosjord
 Jon Stave

Staff

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