

# COVINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

City Council Chambers  
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## MINUTES Thursday, May 28, 2015

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Regan Bolli called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Ed Cook, Steve Pand, Lisa Agron, Krista Bates, Kevin Holland

Arrived Late: Hugh Kodama

Members Absent: Zach Steele, Jeff Wagner, Laura Roth, Sherry Corbey

Also Present: Regan Bolli, Kathryn Groves

### **Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2015:**

5 members in attendance, quorum not reached. Not able to vote on minutes at this time.

### **Announcements:**

Chamber – Kathryn Groves, Chamber Manager

- New member: Enlighting Struck Design
- Mobile App is finished and available for download in the Apple and Google app stores.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Covington Days, chamber is selling signs as fundraiser.
  - VIP Night at the Ballgame August 6th.
- Board of Directors voted at today's board meeting to reduce board size to 7 members, current bylaws allow for 12 to 14.
- CEDC Openings: chamber has 3 terms expiring this year, 2 applicants so far, will decide on candidates at June board meeting.

City of Covington – Regan Bolli.

- Covington Way Center: Southwest corner of Covington Way and Highway 18, almost fully leased, 1 known tenant will be Marshalls.
- Maple Hills: phases 1 and 2 currently under construction (149 lots). Phase 3 (80 lots) and phase 4 (14 lots) to follow.
- Cedar Springs Apartments: 170 units, expect to begin construction over the summer.
- MultiCare Expansion: hope to have permitting done by end of this year and occupancy August 2017.
- Chick-fil-A plans are under review.
- Parks and Recreation Department is holding a meeting for business owners June 1<sup>st</sup> to help with parks planning.

### **Speaker: Tin Keown General Manager, Covington Water District**

- Discussed CWD's partnership with Tacoma Water and the new state of the art filtration system that opened this year.

- CWD has made recent changes in an effort to be more business and development friendly, such as removing the dual meter requirement and changing the timing of impact fee payments to reduce upfront costs to developers.
- Discussed the Public Works Trust Fund, a loan program to fund critical infrastructure needs. Concerned that the state legislature may remove funding for this program to help fund education, would like to see the program saved.

**Discussion of Joint CEDC, City Council and Chamber Board Meeting:**

- Members discussed the need to redefine our purpose and goals. Would like to revisit our charter at an upcoming meeting and see if it needs updating.

**Discussion on 2015 CEDC Initiatives:**

- No reports at this time.

**Comments:**

- Kevin: Real Life Church owns 90 acres of land used for mountain biking. This could be used for regional events to draw people to the area now that there may be hotels coming to Covington.
- Regan: No speaker scheduled for July meeting, we can use that time to review the charter.

**Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2015:**

6 members in attendance, quorum reached. Moved and seconded to approve minutes. Minutes approved 6-0.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2015 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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**CEDC Members**

Zach Steele, Co-Chair  
Hugh Kodama  
Krista Bates  
Lisa Agron  
Sherry Corbey

Jeff Wagner, Co-Chair  
Kevin Holland  
Laura Roth  
Steven Pand  
Ed Cooke

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**Staff**

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