

# COVINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

City Council Chambers  
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## MINUTES Thursday, August 28, 2014

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

Members Present: Jeff Wagner, Kevin Holland, Krista Bates, Laura Roth, Lisa Agron, Sherry Corbey, Steve Pand

Members Absent: Hugh Kodama, Zach Steele

Also Present: Rob Hendrickson, Richard Hart, Ed Cook

Dr. Eileen Ely declined position on City side. Ed Cook to apply to fill vacant position. Mike Hanratty has resigned from CEDC, Krista Bates replaced his seat.

### Election of Co-Chairs:

Zach Steele nominated as Chamber Co-Chair. Jeff moved, Steve seconded. All approved.  
Jeff Wagner nominated as City Co-Chair, Steve moved. Laura seconded. All approved.

### Approval of Minutes from July 24, 2014:

Moved by Kevin Holland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Pand. Minutes Approved 7-0.

### Announcements:

Chamber – Lisa Agron, Board Director

- Covington has been voted as the Most Boring City in Washington State
- Concerned with how we bring more development to Covington. Discussed development of communities, working with Covington Water District and City of Covington

City of Covington – Richard Hart

- Wendy's opening soon – began demolition of the building this week
- Legendary Donuts plans to open
- Chick Fillet – Pre-application submitted this week – To move into Burger King space; Originally planned to do tenant improvements, now may demolish and rebuild.
- Dickey's BBQ – Going into Mez Cal Mexican restaurant space in Covington Esplanade
- Town Center project – Affordable housing could be affected by school impact fees
- City negotiating with Kent School District to purchase Covington Elementary property

### Introduction to CEDC:

- Jeff Wagner provided an overview of the purpose and history of CEDC.
- Members commented on their experiences and the importance of the commission.
- Discussed a Chamber survey which included the public's perception of Covington: Residents' views on living, education, traffic, safety, etc.; Business owners' views on high rent costs, permits, traffic to business, etc.

### Discussion on 2015 CEDC Initiatives:

- Collaboration across Organizations – Chamber, City Council, Kent School District, Covington Water District, local service organizations (Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc.) and other groups to work together. Could have representatives from other commissions speak at CEDC meetings. Have commissions get more involved with Covington Days Festival.
- Healthy Community – Working with MultiCare and UW Medicine | Valley Medical Center to educate community about being healthy: Work, live and play.
- Business Expansion and Education – working on perception of businesses, schools, marketing, etc. Could have Joe Potts, Principal of Kentlake High School, as speaker.
- Branding – Continue promoting new brand in Covington.
  
- City to include updates on comprehensive plan each month.
- Kevin suggested working along with other city commissions to share initiatives, communicate, and collaboration.

### Comments:

- Members and past members welcomed!
- Kevin: Stated that 204<sup>th</sup> street has dead end sign but it is a through street; road improvements by Yarrow Bay are not quality

Next Meeting: September 25, 2014 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 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

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**Staff**

Rob Hendrickson, Interim City Manager

Richard Hart, Community Development Director

Covington Chamber of Commerce Manager (Position Vacant)