

# COVINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

City Council Chambers  
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## MINUTES

**Thursday, March 28, 2013**

6:30 to 8:30pm

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Ed Cook called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Steve Pand, Ed Cook, Hugh Kodama, Laura Roth, Josh Parnell, Jennifer Gilbert-Smith, Kevin Holland, and Jim Hutchinson

Members Absent: Jeff Wagner, Rick Oliveira

Minutes for February 28, 2013, approved 8-0

### **Announcements:**

#### **Chamber Report - Krista Bates**

- Auction a success; number of guests down from last year
- Golf tournament: looking into another type of event this year, possibly Mariner's game
- Total of 28 members joined under \$99 special

#### **City Report – Derek Matheson/Richard Hart**

- January CEDC branding presentation, feedback solicited at chamber luncheon
- Green River Community College authorized to issue bachelor's degrees
- Create and facilitate Economic Development Council with Southeast King County
- Red Canoe Credit Union to build north of Firestone
- Talk of Dairy Queen, Wendy's and Well's Fargo ATM coming to Covington
- Discussions about gambling/card rooms interested in Covington

#### **Public Works Update:** Glenn Akramoff

- Urban Forestry Plan - applied for grant in 2012, involves internal meetings and public process, comments from Parks and Recreation and Planning Commissions, final approval by city council on April 23. Plan includes assessment and inventory of trees. City currently assesses trees as needed. New plan will allow proactive measures.
- Republic Services contract to council for final approval on April 9. 9-year term with 2 re-ups. Residential and commercial rate reductions. Community events included in city garbage/waste costs. Roll out July 1.
- Partnership with Maple Valley for crack sealing and patching.

- CIP update - meetings scheduled for 6-year program.
- Surface Water Management (SWM) upcoming permit renewal every 5 years.
- Maintenance of Covington Community Park - optimistic about budget.
- Evaluation of sweeping program, viable to work with Maple Valley or do in-house?
- Redesign of Kent Kangley - outreach for input from businesses that will be impacted.
- Talk about other improvements: yellow flashers, improving left-turn pockets, overlays.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan under preparation.
- Woodland Park hillside work underway.
- Need funding of \$13 million for next phase of Kent Kangley widening to Home Depot.
- Grants for LED streetlight retrofits.
- Strong support being shown for Covington Days.

**Hawk Property Subarea Plan** (Richard Hart)

Community Workshop held on Monday March 25 with 34 citizen participants. Information provided on supplemental documents and is available on city website.

**2013 CEDC Initiatives:**

- Data: (Rick, Ed, Josh, Jim)
- Business Retention/Expansion: (Laura, Hugh, Jeff, Krista)
- Branding: (Steve, Kevin, Laura, & Jennifer)

**Comments:**

There were no member comments.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

**CEDC Members**

Rick Olivera: Co-Chair  
 Kevin Holland  
 Josh Parnell  
 Hugh Kodama  
 Jennifer Gilbert-Smith

Jeff Wagner: Co-Chair  
 Jim Hutchinson  
 Laura Roth  
 Steven Pand  
 Ed Cook

**Staff:**

Derek Matheson, City Manager  
 Richard Hart, Community Development Manager  
 Krista Bates, Covington Chamber of Commerce Office Manager