

COLLABORATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2019 at 4:00 pm
Court Yard Conference Room

Committee Members:

Jon Bowen (Chair)
Cameron Camp (Vice Chair) – Late
Tripp Androy
Shauna Bland
Sam Engel
Ron Goss
Bryan Hawkins
Kenny Houck – Absent
Josie Molloy
Colene Martin
Gene Merrill
Julie Thomas
Hameed Shakeri – Absent
Vacant
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Government Liaisons:

Susan Seereiter (City Business Advocate)
Darin Fowler (County Commissioner)
Jean Ann Miles (City of Cave Junction) – Absent
Dennis Roler (City Councilor)

Guests:

Glenn Hendricks, Hunter Communications
Doug Croskell, Hunter Communications
Scott Lindberg, Grant Specialist, City of Grants
Pass
Valerie Lovelace, City Councilor
Germaine Cartmell

1. Roll Call

- a. Chair Bowen opened the meeting at 4:03 pm and took roll.
- b. Vice Chair Camp was not present at this time.

2. Public Comment:

- a. None

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of minutes from May 6, 2019.

Motion

Member Thomas moved, and Member Engel seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Bowen, Committee Members: Androy, Bland, Engel, Goss, Hawkins, Molloy, Martin, Merrill, and Thomas. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Vice Chair Camp, Members Houck and Shakeri. The motion passed.

4. Work Session Items:

a. Recap of ‘Housing Summit’ meeting and next steps.

- Chair Bowen wanted to discuss his three key points.
- Chair Bowen edited the meeting video and will post it on workrogue.com.
- Vice Chair Camp arrived.
- Chair Bowen made a recommendation that the City and County work together to approve the Allen Creek Road Project, as it is one of the key components that affects the UGB (Urban Growth Boundary).
- Darin Fowler confirmed that the County has already voted on the Allen Creek Project.

- Member Molloy gave her feedback on the meeting.
 - Chair Bowen discussed his three key points:
 1. Obstacles/encumbrances on properties, which include large fees and local improvement districts.
 2. Higher unit count, multi-unit housing projects and associated challenges.
 3. UGB expansion.
 - Councilor Roler discussed advanced reimbursement districts.
 - There was discussion about SDCs (Systematic Development Charges).
 - There was discussion about code restrictions.
 - Scott Lindberg discussed the lack federal funding for infrastructure in our area due to our higher population.
 - There was discussion about the Oregon Tax Credit for housing projects.
 - There was conversation about inviting guests to the next meeting to discuss low income and work force housing options.
 - There was discussion about moving the CEDC (Collaborative Economic Development Committee) meeting time; a Doodle Poll will be sent out for member feedback.
- b. Hunter Communications (fiber) Presentation (Doug Croskell)**
- Doug Croskell discussed Hunter Communications' current and targeted coverage areas.
 - Doug provided information on GPON (Gigabit Passive Optical Networks).
 - He stated that some limitation to Hunter providing service downtown are pole permits and certain variances.
 - He gave the history on Hunter Communication and the services they provide customers.
 - There was discussion about how property owners near fiber poles are able to access Hunter's services.
 - There was discussion about the difference in services provided compared to competitors.
 - Doug gave an overview on how they are expanding to more rural areas.
 - Doug discussed the quality, delivery and security of Hunter's product.
 - There was discussion about the challenges they face expanding and possible solutions.
 - There was discussion about the pros and cons of fiber lines being above or below ground.
 - There was discussion about the development of REAs (Rural Energy Agencies) or public utilities, and the future of broadband.
 - There was discussion about inviting other companies to come speak to the committee.
- c. City Council and County Commissioners CEDC workshop update**
- Chair Bowen stated this was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- d. TIP (Theory Into Practice) Strategies visit on May 31 with City Council, County Commissioners, and CEDC members.**
- Susan provided some information on TIP and how it is assisting our region.

5. Information Sharing:

- a. Items from Staff
 - Susan will be responsible for summarizing minutes, starting at the next meeting.
 - Susan stated that Member Shakeri will likely be resigning so there will be an additional vacancy to fill.
 - There was discussion about the how to fill the current member vacancies.
- b. Items from Council (Grants Pass and Cave Junction)
 - None.
- c. Items from Commissioners
 - Darin stated they are spending a lot on airports this year.
 - In the future, he will ask the Board to consider hiring a contractor to assist with a portion of their services.
 - Susan stated that Jean Ann will be trying to attend committee meetings in the future, as her input is important.
 - Chair Bowen will send out an email with the Housing Summit video and presentation to the committee.

6. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- Discuss planning a second Housing Summit.

7. Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned the meeting at 6:04 pm

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, July 1 , 2019 at 4:00 pm, Courtyard Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Julia Wright, City of Grants Pass Administration.