

COLLABORATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2021 at 3:00 pm
City Council Chambers

Committee Members:

Gene Merrill (Chair)
Bryan Hawkins (Vice Chair)
Tripp Androy
Shauna Bland - absent
Sam Engel – absent
Kenny Houck
Josie Molloy - absent
Colene Martin - absent
Cameron Camp
Bob Schaller- absent
Paul Lonquist- absent
Kim Dickson – by phone
Casey Alderson – absent
Daniel Mancuso
Ruth Swain – by phone

Government Liaisons:

Susan Seereiter – Business Advocate
Darin Fowler County Commissioner
Jean Ann Miles – City of Cave Junction - Late
Curt Collins – City Council Liaison

Guests:

Marta Tarantsey – Business OR
Colleen Padilla - SOREDI

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Merrill called meeting to order at 3:06 with quorum present.
(note-recorder was not turned on for 1st 20 minutes of meeting. Apologies for this oversight)
2. **Public Comment:**
 - Marta Tarantsey shared information about the upcoming Oregon Connections conference taking place in Ashland: [Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference: 2021 - ATTENDEE - SOREDI](#).
 - Marta supports the efforts that the broadband sub-committee is working on.
 - Colleen Padilla mentioned she was happy to be able to attend meeting in person.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Approval of minutes from May 27, 2021

Motion

Member Camp moved and Member Houck seconded the motion to approve the minutes from May 27, 2021 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”:
Committee Members: Dickson, Swain, Mancuso, Androy, Houck, Camp, Vice Chair Hawkins and Chair Merrill. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None.
Absent: Members Alderson, Schaller, Martin, Bland, Engel, Molloy and Lonquist.
The motion passed.

4. **Work Session Items:**
 - a. **ARPA Task Force update**
 - Commissioner Fowler shared that the task force assigned by county have been meeting weekly for the past two weeks and is working on an application

for community members to fill out and share ideas of how funds can be utilized.

- The task force consists of County department heads, Cave Junction Chamber of Commerce, two CEDC members (Colene Martin and Jean Ann Miles) and two community members at large.
- Commissioner Fowler encouraged the committee to stay engaged and provide feedback and ideas for the task force.

b. CEDC Brainstorming ideas for Commissioners and City Councilors

- Chair Merrill shared ideas related to housing such as city and county land to be utilized for RV's to set up for immediate housing needs.
- It was noted that in order to “rebound economic recovery” there is a need to look beyond just businesses recapturing their 2019 income.
- Discussion regarding addressing immediate housing needs and to be mindful of changing development codes permanently that may cause issues in the future for development.
- Importance of addressing illegal cannabis grows, and county taking over the property.
- Merlin community was addressed and recommendation for a “Public Relations” team to encourage growth for tourism and to gather data.
- Another important aspect of tourism is to have “hotspots” for Wi-Fi utilization.
- Public Safety improvement in rural areas.
- Childcare funding
- Rental subsidies, financial literacy.
- **Final thought from committee is to continue to brainstorm and not make any recommendations at this time until more information is available.**
- **Coordination will be key for success.**

c. Revisit day of month for future meetings

- This can be revisited later. Committee agreed to keep schedule as it is for now.

6. Information Sharing:

a. Items from Committee Members

- Member Mancuso: E Clampus Vitus which he is a member, recently dedicated a monument in Galice, and they are currently working on one in Grants Pass for the Redwood Indian Marathon at 6th and G Street. In 1927, a tribal member ran 480 miles in 7 days from San Francisco to Grants Pass. Another dedication in Cave Junction will be taking place on July 3rd to commemorate the two highways (Caves and Redwood) that created the City of Cave Junction.

b. Items from Councilors and Commissioner

- Commissioner Fowler expressed gratitude for the group and the patience shown for the process.
- Councilor Miles shared that CJ will be getting Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) volunteer to work with main street beautification projects.
- Councilor Collins informed committee that City Budget process is completed, and that Council is now addressing urban campgrounds and need to find a location. Adult use ordinance has been updated to provide economic development for merchants wanting to expand business.

c. Items from Staff

- Susan asked Tripp Androy to share his resignation due to his other commitment which includes overseeing the ski patrol in Mt. Ashland and will now be the President of the organization.
- There are two committee positions open, last day to apply is July 16th.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- a. Economic Recovery- American Rescue Act
- b. Youth Workforce Skills Development
- c. Spalding Update

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm

Next scheduled meeting: July 22, 2021

Minutes prepared by Susan Seereiter, City Staff Liaison.