

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)

February 9, 2018

Meeting Notes

Allyn Roe called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. with the following members present: Jill Anderson, Susan DeLaire, Trevor Elliott, Scott Forsman, Michelle Gallagher, Terry Harris, Bobby Jackson, Cecilia Jimenez, Dan Kay, Tanya Laeger, Jason Matteson, Mitch Moberg, Randy Mueller, Vicki Muething, Allyn Roe, Nichole Sampson, Annalee Tobey, Lindy Waring, and Brian Wilkins.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests:** Jill Anderson introduced her new administrative assistant, Kiley Franz, to the group.
- 2. Partner Updates & News:**
 - a. City Farm Chehalis:** Allyn Roe introduced Scott Forsman to the group. Mr. Forsman informed the group that the Chehalis Wedding Show would be held at his City Farm Event Center on February 17, 2018. Mr. Forsman discussed the renovation process and his excitement to host community events.
 - b. Discover! Children's Museum:** Allyn Roe informed the group that two thirds of the funds have been raised for the Discover! Children's Museum and plans can now progress. A campaign to raise the remaining third from local funding will begin soon. A site by Home Depot has been selected as the possible future home of the museum.
 - c. Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce:** Cecelia Jimenez informed the group of a free holder education session on February 12th at the Holiday Inn. Multiple ribbon cuttings, including one for the Chehalis Coworks, will be held in the next month.
 - d. Executive Director Report:** Annalee Tobey updated the group regarding the B&O Tax and the Main Street program. Between the collected donations and the pledged donations, the required funds will be met for the Main Street program.
- 3. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Economic Restructuring:** Trevor Elliott informed the group that the bench restoration project for downtown has begun. The façade program is off to a great start, and they are working to create a mini-grant program to provide sandwich boards and window displays to business in the downtown area. Brian Wilkins of Rainier Connect informed the group that the fiber project has been completed on the west side of downtown, and the east side would be completed very soon.
 - b. Design:** Michelle Gallagher discussed the upcoming art benches project that will be seeking local artists for designs to represent local history, agriculture, and wildlife. Terry Harris told the group about the success of the Holiday Decoration Committee, and invited anyone interested in this committee to contact him. Jill Anderson thanked the CCRT and the Chehalis Foundation on behalf of the city for their dedication and support.
 - c. Promotion:** Tanya Laeger informed the group that the Chehalis History Museum will be putting a display in the old Knox building. The ribbon cutting for Chehalis Coworks was discussed, and Annalee Tobey explained that the program would be working in a pilot capacity, making note of the needed changes/upgrades. Randy Mueller thanked the Lewis County Commissioners for their donation of funds to purchase the building.

- d. **Organization:** Allyn Roe explained that the CCRT had decided to increase Annalee Tobey's hours, and thanked her for her dedication.

4. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order

- a. Vicki Muething informed the group that this year's Farmers' Market will begin on May 11, 2018 and will run through October 30, 2018.
- b. Dan Kay discussed the budget of the Lewis County Public Utility District and reminded the group that the PUD is a not for profit organization.
- c. Susan DeLaire informed the group that the Lewis County Seniors' group has reopened the thrift store next to Ace Hardware and are accepting donations.
- d. Randy Mueller gave a brief update regarding planned harbor improvements.

Next meeting is Friday, March 9 at 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kiley Franz, City Manager's Administrative Assistant.