

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)
April 13, 2018
Meeting Notes

David Hartz called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. with the following members present: Trevor Elliott, Tiffany Etherton, Michele Gallagher, Niko Hammer, Terry Harris, David Hartz, Bobby Jackson, Dan Kay, Tanya Laeger, Autumn Ledgerwood, Jason Matteson, Mitch Moberg, Nichole Sampson, Bill Schulte, Wanda Thompson, Annalee Tobey, Ed Wegle, Brian Wilkins, and Derrick Wojcik.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests:** Nichole Sampson introduced Niko Hammer of the Twin City Union FC. He explained that the group's focus is to bring high level soccer to the area. Anyone interested in learning more about the program may contact Niko at marketing.twincityunion@gmail.com.
- 2. Partner Updates & News:**
 - a. W.F. West Mentoring Program – Autumn Ledgerwood:** David Hartz introduced Autumn Ledgerwood to the group. Autumn works at WF West High School and heads the mentorship program for seniors. Autumn gave an overview of the program and encouraged members to join, anyone interested in the program may contact Autumn at aledgerwood@chehalisschools.org.
 - b. Twin Transit – Derrick Wojcik-Damers:** Derrick Wojcik of Twin Transit gave an update regarding the feasibility of expanding transit in the county. He explained that the Lewis Mountain Highway Transit would be discontinuing their services at the end of July 2019. Derrick informed the group that he had received positive feedback regarding boundary expansion. Councilor Terry Harris clarified that the City of Chehalis had not made a decision regarding transit, only that the council was open to discussions regarding expansion. Commissioner Bobby Jackson expressed his belief that the development of transit will set a foundation for growth within the county. Bill Schulte expressed concerns regarding the cost of expansion. Derrick Wojcik told the group that a vote would be taken to the public in November.
 - c. Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey was excited to inform the group that the CCRT had reached the B&O Tax cap of \$133,333.00 for the first time. Annalee thanked all businesses that had participated in the effort, and explained that of 34 cities involved, only 7 were able to cap out their funds.
- 3. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Economic Restructuring:** Trevor Elliott expressed his excitement that projects previously classified as unobtainable were being completed around the community, such as fiber internet in the downtown area, the façade improvement program, and increased building occupancy. He also informed the group of a 'shark tank' event coming to the area, and encouraged anyone interested in participating to contact the EDC.
 - b. Design:** Michele Gallagher gave a brief update regarding the refurbished benches for downtown Chehalis. She also informed the group that the beautification project was now looking for sponsors. The Art Bench project is underway, and the Bathroom Mural project will begin again in May. She also informed the group that recycling containers will be borrowed from the City of Seattle to run a pilot recycling program in downtown Chehalis.

Terry Harris informed the group that the Holiday Decoration Committee would be holding a meeting on April 16th at 6:00 P.M. to plan decorations and encouraged any interested members to attend.

- c. **Promotion:** Tanya Laeger thanked the promotion team for their efforts to promote the Chehalis Coworks, and informed the group that the Chehalis Visitor's Guide is currently being distributed.
 - d. **Organization:** David Hartz informed the group that Allyn Roe had resigned from the CCRT Board due to time constraints. He then invited the group to attend the next Board meeting on Thursday, April 19th at 3:00 P.M.
- 4. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order**
- a. Bill Schulte informed the group that the Chehalis Rotary had decided to support the City of Chehalis in their efforts to renovate Penny Playground.
 - b. Annalee Tobey encouraged the group to stop by the Chehalis Coworks to see the space.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 A.M. by David Hartz.

Next meeting is Friday, May 11th at 8:30 A.M.

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