

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)
August 10, 2018
Meeting Notes

Tanya Laeger called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. with the following members present: Marcy Anholt, Maria Ayers, Stacy Davis, Susan DeLaire, Bill Deutscher, Michaelaelyn Erickson, Michael Ervin, Kayl Flint, Scott Forsman, Terry Harris, Christine Hoffman, Dan Kay, Mitch Moberg, Randy Mueller, Nicole Sampson, Lindsey Senter, Andy Skinner, Annalee Tobey, Ed Wegele, Derrick Wojcik-Damers, and Shane Wood.

1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests

2. Partner Updates & News:

- a. **Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey informed the group about new building owners and renters Downtown Chehalis including welcoming owners of Shakespeare and Company to Market Boulevard, leasing the building at 553 N Market for the use of its commercial kitchen. She announced new "heart" Chehalis t-shirts are available for purchase for \$20. The cost to CCRT per shirt is \$14.11 and the remaining funds from each shirt will go toward art projects downtown.
- b. **Introduction of new CCRT board members:** Tanya announced a new slate of CCRT officers and several new board members. President Tanya Laeger, Vice-President Andy Skinner, Tom Bradley remains our Treasurer and Secretary Jill Anderson. New board members are Mitch Moberg, Nicole Sampson, Lindsey Senter (also serving as Promotions Chair) and Ed Wegele. Board members also continuing to serve include Trevor Elliott, Michele Gallaher, Larry McGee, and Randy Mueller. Laeger thanked all board members for their service to CCRT.
- c. **ResCare Youth Services:** Talent Development Specialist Kayl Flint briefed the group on the ResCare program currently ran out of the WorkSource office, though not affiliated with WorkSource. The program places youth, age 16-24, who face barriers to employment, in internships paid through the program. There is no cost to a business that offers an internship for these individuals. Internships often last 6-10 weeks and can cover a variety of duties. The program can be flexible to make an appropriate fit for business and intern.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. **Economic Restructuring:** In committee chair Trevor Elliott's absence, Annalee Tobey updated the group on progress at Chehalis Coworks, which is experiencing increased day use and has welcomed several new monthly members. She reported that monthly revenue is now exceeding monthly costs.
- b. **Promotion:** Lindsey Senter remarked the promotion committee is working on post-ChehalisFest details including collecting feedback and planning to improve on next year. She remarked the event was successful and well attended.
- c. **Design:** In Michele Gallagher's absence, Mitch Moberg informed the group that the recycling containers are installed and being well used downtown and that the garbage can lid project, in which lids will be painted to include local flora and a 'fun fact' about

Chehalis, is underway. Also the Lewis County Historical Museum has resized historic photographs for a Louisiana Avenue banner project. The Chehalis Coworks mural is being painted by Emily von Flotow later this month and also we are ordering additional cigarette butt receptacles for downtown as well as a flyer display case for the exterior brick space at Chehalis Coworks.

4. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order

- a. Michaelyn Erickson, Community Farmers Market Manager invited all to purchase tickets for the annual Harvest Dinner which will be held at City Farm on October 7.
- b. Twin Transit General Manager Derrick Wojcik-Damers shared new materials and a website that provides information on the proposed transit expansion which will be voted on in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M. by Tanya Laeger.

Next meeting is Friday, September 14th at 8:30 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Annalee Tobey, CCRT Executive Director.