

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)
November 2, 2018
Meeting Notes

Tanya Laeger called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. with the following members present: Marcy Anholt, Susan DeLaire, Bill Deutscher, Trevor Elliott, Angela French, Tom Gorman, Jessica Homyack, Bobby Jackson, Patty Kaija, Jerry Lord, Jason Mattson, Larry McGee, Brenda McGuigan, Mitch Moberg, Chelsea Roberts, Lindsey Senter, Andy Skinner, Heather Stewart, Annalee Tobey, Lilly Wall, Hunter Weeks, Ed Wegele, Brian Wilkins, Derrick Wojcik-Damers, and Shane Wood

1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests

2. Partner Updates & News:

- a. **United Way of Lewis County:** Angela French informed the group that a poverty summit had recently been held. She explained that United Way is undergoing a transition from a fundraising entity to a collaborative entity solving issues throughout the community.
- b. **Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library:** Brenda McGuigan explained that the library is currently in the process of creating a 5-year strategic plan. She asked any interested members to contact her for an interview regarding how they view their community and what they would like to see in the future.
- c. **Chehalis Recreation Park Project:** Jessica Homyack and Tom Gorman introduced themselves and explained that they were co-chairs in the fundraising efforts for the Penny Playground portion of the Recreation Park Project and they will be working with the Chehalis Foundation. Lilly Wall informed the group that 90% of the design has been completed and the goal is to create an ADA accessible playground.
- d. **Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that the CCRT is looking into viable options to replace the roses at Recreation Park. B&O tax donations for 2019 were briefly discussed. Annalee informed the group that the Centralia Downtown Association is looking for a new Executive Director. A meeting will be held on December 7th regarding the successful projects of 2018 and project ideas for 2019; Annalee encouraged anyone with ideas to submit them for consideration.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. **Promotion:** Lindsey Senter informed the group that work on the 2019 visitor brochures had begun and asked that anyone involved in events throughout the county contact her with information regarding said event.
- b. **Economic Restructuring:** Trevor Elliott and Andy Skinner invited everyone to attend their next economic restructuring committee meeting on Friday, November 16th.
- c. **Design:** Mitch Moberg explained that the goal of the design committee is to enhance the community and drive commerce throughout Chehalis. He informed the group that there were now twelve painted garbage can lids with more to come. Patty Kaija informed the group that work on a 'Cross Pollination Corridor' in downtown Chehalis is in the works to promote pollination, attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds, and educate people on the importance of pollination.
- d. **Organization:** Andy Skinner informed the group that the national main street conference would be held in Seattle in 2019. He explained that this conference was a

great way for the CCRT to network and gain ideas from other main street organizations throughout the country.

4. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order

- a. Patty Kaija informed the group that Christmas trees would arrive in store on November 9th and all trees will be 20% off for local businesses with free delivery to downtown businesses.
- b. Susan DeLaire informed the group that the visitor guide will be completed next week and asked if anyone had upcoming holiday events to please contact her.
- c. Annalee Tobey informed the group that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee has recommended full funding for the CCRT. She thanked the City of Chehalis for funding their request.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 A.M. by Andy Skinner.

Next meeting is Friday, December 7th at 8:30 A.M.

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