

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)
December 7, 2018
Meeting Notes

Andy Skinner called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. with the following members present: Marcy Anholt, Stacy Davis, Susan Delaire, Trevor Elliott, Michaelyn Erickson, Michele Gallagher, Terry Harris, Christine Hoffman, Jo Kuehner, Jerry Lord, Larry McGee, Nicole Sampson, Lindsey Senter, Annalee Tobey, Hunter Weeks, and Brian Wilkins.

1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests

2. Partner Updates & News:

- a. **Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that the CCRT has been invited to participate in the Washington Main Street's program at the Heritage Caucus before the legislature in January. The Centralia Downtown Association is currently conducting interviews for a new Executive Director and Annalee has been asked to sit on the hiring committee. Annalee updated the group regarding new business owners and new building owners in downtown Chehalis.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. **Economic Restructuring:** Trevor Elliott informed the group that the Economic Restructuring Committee planned to push forward with the façade programs in 2019. Downtown Business Academy and beautification micro-grants were briefly discussed. Trevor also informed the group that tents and fencing may be purchased in 2019 to encourage outside festivals to come to Chehalis.

4. Let's Celebrate! 2018 CCRT Program Review

- a. **Design:** Michele Gallagher started off the presentation by reviewing the projects completed by the design committee. Projects included murals on the downtown bathrooms, painted garbage can lids, refurbished benches, art benches, a pilot recycling program, new cigarette receptacles, an outdoor bulletin board at the Coworks, and holiday décor.
- b. **Economic Restructuring:** Trevor Elliott discussed the success of the Chehalis Coworks and thanked the entire CCRT, the Port of Chehalis, the City of Chehalis, and Lewis County for their assistance in the creation of the Coworks. The façade improvement grant and beautification micro-grant programs were discussed. Trevor then thanked Brian Wilkins for his help in bringing fiber internet to the downtown core. Larry McGee expressed excitement for the revived economic vibrancy in downtown Chehalis.
- c. **Organization:** Andy Skinner thanked the B&O Tax donators from 2018 and those that have already pledged for 2019; Andy expressed his excitement for the support received from the community and is thankful for the diverse funding source. Larry McGee suggested that Annalee Tobey share the document that she prepares regarding the use of the B&O Tax dollars with the donors.
- d. **Promotions:** Lindsey Senter explained that the promotions committee has been working to complete the 2019 Lewis County Visitors Guide and the 2019 Experience Chehalis brochures.

- e. **Website:** Nicole Sampson explained that the Experience Chehalis website has been under construction and is almost ready to launch. She gave a demonstration of the website, explaining the features and information that can be found on the site. Annalee Tobey informed the Board that a section regarding the CCRT has been added to the website as well. A page has also been added with resources for local businesses.

5. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order

- a. Michaelyn Erickson informed the group that the Farmer's Market is working to set up an EBT match program for 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M. by Andy Skinner.

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

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