

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)

June 14, 2019

Meeting Notes

Andy Skinner called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. with the following members present: Jill Anderson, Larry Cook, Andrea Culletto, Susan DeLaire, Bill Deutscher, Chip Duncan, Tiffany Etherton, Michele Gallagher, Terry Harris, Christine Hoffman, Randy Mueller, Brandon Rakes, Diane Raubuch, Pam Simpson, Andy Skinner, Heather Stewart, Annalee Tobey, Joy Templeton, Brian Wilkins, and Shane Wood

1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests

2. Partner Updates & News:

- a. Live 95:** Tiffany Etherton shared that Live95/KITI will again host a live radio remote from ChehalisFest. She also shared that her 16-year old daughter Savannah Etherton has a business, Bliss & Beauty Co. and is a makeup artist. She has a new location downtown in the St Helens Inn on Market Blvd. She has been doing makeup for several years and attends Centralia Beauty College in addition to attending high school. Also, Tiffany is an art director for the movie being produced in Chehalis, Maysville the Movie. She shared a bit about the upcoming film.
- b. Chehalis-Centralia Airport:** Brandon Rakes, Airport Operations Coordinator, gave a brief overview of developments at the airport including an electric vehicle charging station, development between Dutch Bros. Coffee and I-5 Toyota, and a partnership with W.F. West High School for an aviation-based STEM program. He explained that the 'Leap the Levee' event was planned for Saturday, June 15th and invited everyone to attend.
- c. Chehalis-Centralia Railroad and Museum:** Bill Deutscher, Chehalis-Centralia Railroad and Museum President, explained that the murder mystery dinner trains had sold out for the season, even though one had not been held yet. He informed the group that the new website would launch soon. Issues with the steam engine were briefly discussed.
- d. Community Farmers Market:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that the Chehalis Community Farmers Market had opened and was well attended.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. Promotion:** Annalee Tobey reminded the group that ChehalisFest would take place on July 27th. The many events were discussed, such as the kid zone, the beer garden, the Gambler 500, live music, the car show, flights at the airport, and train rides at the railroad.
- b. Economic Restructuring:** Annalee Tobey expressed her excitement over the demolition of the Darigold building on West Main Street. Façade grants and micro-grants were briefly discussed. Downtown Business Academy will take place on June 18th and will be a financial bootcamp.
- c. Design:** Michele Gallagher informed the group that the garbage can lid painting project was progressing and should be completed along Market Street by the end of the month. Three new art benches will be installed this summer. She thanked Patty Kaija for the vibrant flowers downtown and thanked the city facilities staff for their upkeep.

- d. **Organization:** Andy Skinner informed the group that the Board had met for a strategic planning session and would present the mission and vision statements once they have been finalized.
- 4. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order**
- a. Ride the Willapa will take place June 22nd and 23rd.
 - b. Susan DeLaire informed the group that DeVaul Publishing was responsible for the creation of the Chehalis Guide and asked anyone interested in being listed, please speak with her.
 - c. Terry Harris informed the group that the Holiday Decorations Committee would be meeting in July and asked anyone interested to contact him.
 - d. Andy Skinner thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M. by Andy Skinner.

Next meeting is Friday, July 12th at 8:30 A.M.

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