

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)

July 12, 2019

Meeting Notes

Nicole Sampson called the meeting to order at 8:36 A.M. with the following members present: Jill Anderson, Larry Cook, Michael Ervin, Emily von Flotow, Tamara Hayes, Patty Kaija, Jason Matteson, Brandon Rakes, Chris Rodan, Nicole Sampson, Lindsey Senter, Pam Simpson, Annalee Tobey, and Ed Wegele

1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests

2. Partner Updates & News:

- a. **Lewis County PUD:** Chris Rodan from the Lewis County Public Utility District introduced himself. He informed the group that the PUD sold excess power to other utility agencies and provided essentially 100% clean, efficient energy. He explained that as a public entity, the PUD focused not on profits, but on the benefit to the community. Mr. Rodan explained that of the 28 substation facilities, 20 locations were nearing 50 years old and would need refurbishment soon.
- b. **Lewis County Historical Museum/Flying Saucer Party:** Jason Matteson of the Lewis County Historical Museum informed the group that the Centralia Armistice Day exhibit would be up from June 27th until November. The museum will be hosting ChehalisFest vendors in their parking lot and holding a pancake breakfast. On Saturday, September 21st, the museum will be hosting a Flying Saucer Party.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. **Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that the quarterly report to Main Street had been submitted this week and a budget review would take place at the next Board meeting. She thanked Tom Bradley for his work as treasurer.
- b. **Promotion:** Lindsey Senter explained that it was 'all hands on deck' for the upcoming ChehalisFest. She thanked the museum for taking on the vendors, Market Street Pub for hosting the beer garden, the Boys and Girls Club for hosting the kid's zone, and the airport for their Young Eagles flights.
- c. **Economic Restructuring:** Nicole Sampson encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Downtown Business Academy; the topic will be 'Facebook for Business'. The class will be specifically geared to discuss promotion for businesses.
- d. **Design:** Ed Wegele explained that the 'War on Beige' continued with the new art benches, murals, garbage can lids, and a new idea to paint the cigarette receptacles and power boxes.
- e. **Organization:** Nicole Sampson informed the group that the map defining the downtown area as required by Main Street was under review.

4. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order

- a. Emily von Flotow expressed her desire to see more murals throughout Chehalis.
- b. Patty Kaija informed the group that the planting downtown had been completed. The plants have been specifically chosen to attract pollinator species.
- c. Tamara Hayes informed the group that window displays for the fair would be accepted until Monday, June 17th.

- d. Jill Anderson informed the group that the Chehalis City Council had awarded the bid for the first phase of construction for Recreation Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M. by Nicole Sampson.

Next meeting is Friday, August 9th at 8:30 A.M.

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