

**Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)**  
**August 9, 2019**  
**Meeting Notes**

Andy Skinner called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. with the following members present: Marcy Anholt, Larry Cook, Susan DeLaire, Bill Deutscher, Trevor Elliott, Michael Ervin, Michele Gallagher, Terry Harris, David Hartz, Jason Mattson, Brandon Rakes, Lindsey Senter, Andy Skinner, Annalee Tobey, Casey Winters, and Jacki Winters.

**1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests**

**2. Partner Updates & News:**

- a. **Women United – United Way of Lewis County:** Lindsey Senter explained that the Power of the Purse event held by United Way of Lewis County saw over 350 women in attendance and at the event, a new group, Women United was presented. She explained that an affinity group, working as an extension of United Way, has been created by a committee of women to support women and children in need. The group may be reached at: [www.womenunitedlc.com](http://www.womenunitedlc.com).
- b. **Penny Playground:** David Hartz explained that he had recently talked with Lilly Wall, Recreation Manager for the City of Chehalis regarding the Penny Playground project. He explained that customizable ‘fence pennies’ were being created as a fundraiser for the project and passed around a sample of penny. He urged the community to support the project.
- c. **ARTrails:** Marcy Anholt explained that ARTrails would take place September 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> throughout Lewis County. She invited everyone to attend the opening gala on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Centralia Train Station.

**3. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Executive Director’s Report:** Annalee Tobey shared a letter with the group from Larry and Karen Ross thanking the holiday decorations committee for their efforts. Annalee Tobey also expressed her excitement that the ‘Welcome to Chehalis’ mural had been completed.
- b. **Design:** Michele Gallagher informed the group that another mural would soon be completed on the back side of the downtown restrooms and four more garbage can lids had been completed.
- c. **Promotion:** Lindsey Senter reported the success of ChehalisFest to the group. She explained that the layout had changed since the previous year and the flow of events seemed to be well received. She thanked the many organizations that participated in the event, such as the Lewis County Historical Museum, the Boys and Girls Club, the Chehalis-Centralia Airport, the Veterans Memorial Museum, and many others. Brandon Rakes of the Chehalis-Centralia Airport informed the group that over 210 children had been given airplane rides during the kids fly free event during ChehalisFest – a new record. David Hartz informed the group that the car show had approximately 96 cars and 2 motorcycles participate. Many of the downtown businesses had seen a boost in sales and were pleased with the outcome of the event.

- d. **Economic Restructuring:** Trevor Elliott expressed his excitement for the many murals throughout Chehalis. He explained that Totally Pawsome had applied for a façade grant.
  - e. **Organization:** Andy Skinner explained that the Board had recently reviewed the budget and the review of the Executive Director would take place within the next few months. Annalee Tobey passed out tickets to the next Downtown Business Academy and explained that the topic would be Facebook Advertising.
- 4. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order**
- a. Jacki Winters of the Chehalis Theater invited the group to attend the concert by Problem Child, an AC/DC tribute band, at the theater on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M. by Andy Skinner.

**Next meeting is Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M.**

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