Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT) February 14, 2020 Meeting Notes

Nicole Sampson called the meeting to order at 8:36 A.M. with the following members present: Jill Anderson, Katie Blurton, Joe Clark, Andrea Culletto, Susan DeLaire, Bill Deutscher, Chip Duncan, Michael Ervin, Terry Harris, Jerry Lord, David James, Nicole Sampson, Lindsey Senter, Joy Templeton, Skyler Templeton, Annalee Tobey, Ed Wegele, and Brian Wilkins

1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests

2. Twin Transit Update: Joe Clark informed the group that Lewis County was creating a strategic plan for the next five years and encouraged everyone to participate to help shape the county's priorities. Joe Clark went around the room to ask what each member of the group thought a top priority should be. Issues identified were: lack of available housing, minor and major flooding, limited access to technology, unreliable internet services, lack of available public transportation services, deteriorating roads, and a lack of preparedness for a natural disaster.

3. Committee Reports:

- **a. Promotions:** Lindsey Senter explained that work on the 'Things to do' cards for local hotel rooms was nearly wrapped up. Expansions to the Experience Chehalis website will be completed soon.
- **b. Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that the Board was working to close out the B&O tax season.
- c. Economic Restructuring: Annalee Tobey informed the group that the first façade grant application of the year had been received. A similar grant process for safety and security is being created.
- **d. Design:** Ed Wegele explained that the design committee was still looking for places in town to add color.
- **e. Organization:** Nicole Sampson explained that strategic planning continued at the board level. She explained that an intern, Hailey Fagerness, had been hired to help implement the strategic plan once developed.

4. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order

a. Jill Anderson invited everyone to attend the opening of the Recreation Park ballfields.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M. by Nicole Sampson.

Next meeting is Friday, March 13th at 8:30 A.M.

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