

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)
June 12, 2020
Meeting Notes

Andy Skinner called the meeting to order at 8:38 A.M. with the following members present: Jill Anderson, Larry Cook, Andrea Culletto, Susan DeLaire, Bill Deutscher, Celene Fitzgerald, Tamara Hayes, Tanya Hayes, Larry McGee, Randy Mueller, Heidi Peroni, Brandon Rakes, Andy Skinner, and Annalee Tobey

Meeting was held via Zoom

- 1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests**
- 2. Community Farmers' Market:** Heidi Peroni explained that the Community Farmers' Market had opened two weeks prior. They are working with the city to ensure proper guidelines are followed for patrons of the market. Sanitizing stations were available, social distancing was being observed, and online orders were now being accepted for quick pick-up.
- 3. Lewis County Together:** Tamara Hayes informed the group that Lewis County Together has distributed hand sanitizer, masks, and other necessities to the far ends of the county. Lewis County Together was working with the Lewis County EDC to utilize \$200,000 of Cares Act monies to create small grants.
- 4. Lewis County Fairgrounds:** Tamara Hayes explained that the season had been quiet for the fairgrounds as major gatherings had been cancelled due to COVID-19. Restroom remodels and the painting of facilities were being completed.
- 5. Twin Transit:** Andrea Culletto explained that Twin Transit had previously needed to alter routes to comply with COVID-19 restrictions. As these restrictions are lifted, the hours and routes will be expanded to their previous level of service. Twin Transit has also worked with Lewis County Seniors to deliver food to seniors.
- 6. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that they had been reaching out to businesses to drop off business recovery toolkits. She expressed her desire to have all businesses aware of the CCRT's desire to help businesses recover. Annalee explained that many business owners she had conversed with had used the shutdowns as an opportunity to remodel or update their businesses.
 - b. Promotions:** Annalee Tobey explained that the decision had been made to cancel ChehalisFest this year. The amount of planning needed to hold the event was unable to be executed due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Board decided that the money used to hold the event could be better used to help the community recover.
 - c. Design:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that utility box painting and murals were still planned as the weather improves. She thanked city staff for the plantings in the downtown core.
 - d. Organization:** Andy Skinner explained that the Board was hoping to finalize the strategic plan at their next meeting.
- 7. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order**

- a. Bill Deutscher explained that the Steam Train season would begin on Saturday, June 13th.
- b. Randy Mueller informed the group that the Port of Chehalis had cut 31% of their budget this year due to COVID-19 impacts.
- c. Annalee Tobey explained that the Veterans Museum would be holding a static parade for the 4th of July. Plans for Civil War Reenactment Battles and the Rust of Shine car show are still planned for the summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M. by Andy Skinner.

Next meeting is Friday, July 10th at 8:30 A.M. via Zoom

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