

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)
September 11, 2020
Meeting Notes

Nicole Sampson called the meeting to order at 8:36 A.M. with the following members present: Susan DeLaire, Michael Ervin, Celine Fitzgerald, Tamara Hayes, David James, Patty Kaija, Tanya Laeger, Larry McGee, Brandon Rakes, Nicole Sampson, Lindsey Senter, and Annalee Tobey.

Meeting was held via Zoom

- 1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests**
- 2. Discover Children's Museum:** Larry McGee explained that the Discover Children's Museum had partnered with United Way of Lewis County, Boys and Girls Club and the City of Centralia to create a building that could provide services the ALICE population. The facility will be owned and maintained by the City of Centralia and will provide many services in one location. Patty Kaija expressed her disappointment to see the Discover Children's Museum moved to Centralia.
- 3. Lewis County Together:** Tamara Hayes spoke about the County's COVID Cares funding. Non-profit companies and businesses had the opportunity to apply for relief funding. 33 applications had been received and 29 of those applicants had been awarded funding. Patty Kaija informed the group that she had been working with Andy Caldwell regarding animal housing for those that needed evacuation from the wildfires.
- 4. Boys and Girls Club:** David James informed the group that the Boys and Girls Club was open and had remained open to first responders during the pandemic. They have approximately 75 children signed up for the full-day program.
- 5. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that the CCRT would be once again applying for funding through the City of Chehalis' Lodging Tax program. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at City Hall. National Small Business Week will be at the end of the month and the CCRT will work to promote small businesses during this time. New spaces have opened for rent in downtown Chehalis at the Fechtner Building and one small office in the Boistfort Professional Building.
 - b. Promotion:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that Lindsey Senter had stepped down from the position of promotions chair, due to time commitments. The 'Things to Do' cards have been distributed to local hotels, but they remain in the lobby due to COVID restrictions.
 - c. Economic Restructuring:** Nicole Sampson informed the group that the digital façade grant program was being slightly revised to better suit the CCRT and member's needs. She also shared that the Coworks has been utilized during COVID; cleaning measures and frequency have been increased to minimize any health risks.
 - d. Design:** Annalee Tobey said that the design team had been working to complete many projects before the weather turned. Art benches were to be installed downtown the following week; utility box paintings have been completed and two more are in the design phase; and four murals are in the works as well.

- e. **Organization:** Nicole Sampson informed the group that she had been elected as the new president of the CCRT Board. Michele Gallagher will now serve as the Vice President, Jill Anderson will remain the Secretary, and Tom Bradly will remain as the Treasurer.
- 6. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order**
- a. Patty Kaija informed the group that they hoped to open the low cost spay and neuter clinic in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 A.M. by Nicole Sampson.

Next meeting is Friday, October 9th at 8:30 A.M. via Zoom

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