

**Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)**  
**October 9, 2020**  
**Meeting Notes**

Nicole Sampson called the meeting to order at 8:34 A.M. with the following members present: Andrea Culletto, Susan DeLaire, Bill Deutscher, Michael Ervin, Emily von Flotow, David James, Larry McGee, Brandon Rakes, Nicole Sampson, Lindsey Senter, Laura Six, Andy Skinner, Annalee Tobey, Brian Wilkins, and Kim Witham.

***Meeting was held via Zoom***

- 1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests**
- 2. Forgotten Children's Fund:** Kim Witham explained that the Forgotten Children's Fund helped to provide presents to children during the holidays. The Forgotten Children's Fund is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and more information can be found at [www.forgottenchildrensfund.org](http://www.forgottenchildrensfund.org).
- 3. Chehalis-Centralia Railroad and Museum:** Bill Deutscher informed the group that the railroad's treasurer had stepped down. Pumpkin trains and the Polar Express trains will be running soon. Repairs to the steam locomotive continue; the scope of work has been expanded to ensure repairs are thorough.
- 4. Discover Children's Museum:** Larry McGee explained that the Discover! Children's Museum will now be part of the United Learning Center in Centralia. He shared conceptual photos of the center and informed the group that they planned to break ground in February.
- 5. Reliable Enterprises:** Andy Skinner informed the group that a house had been procured to provide emergency foster care. They will be starting a homecoming project; explaining that one of the largest barriers to parents getting their children back is adequate housing.
- 6. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey informed the group that she spoke at a main street conference regarding economic recovery/development in rural areas. She explained that small business grants are available through the Lewis County EDC. Planning for 2021 is taking place and asked any members with ideas to please let her know.
  - b. Economic Restructuring:** Nicole Sampson informed the group that a new Economic Restructuring Committee chair was needed. She provided a brief overview of responsibilities.
  - c. Promotions:** Nicole Sampson informed the group that a new Promotions Committee chair was needed. She provided a brief overview of responsibilities.
  - d. Design:** Emily Von Flotow informed the group
  - e. Organization:** Nicole Sampson explained
- 7. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order**
  - a.** Bill Deutscher expressed his joy at seeing the new mural featuring the locomotive.
  - b.** David James informed the group that Chehalis School District planned to open schools soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M. by Nicole Sampson.

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

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