

Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)
January 8, 2021
Meeting Notes

Nicole Sampson called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. with the following members present: Jill Anderson, Jenny Collins, Larry Cook, Susan DeLaire, Bill Deutscher, Michael Ervin, Tim Filer, Valarie Filer, Celine Fitzgerald, David James, Larry McGee, Randy Mueller, Daniel Murray, Brandon Rakes, Nicole Sampson, Lindsey Senter, Laura Six, Sean Swope, Annalee Tobey, and Brian Wilkins

Meeting was held via Zoom

- 1. Welcome and Introductions of Guests**
- 2. McFiler's Chehalis Theater:** Tim Filer explained that they had recently purchased the Chehalis Theater with the intent to create a venue. They hope to have it operational in four to six months, with a full commercial kitchen and cooler.
- 3. Chehalis Foundation Update:** Jenny Collins informed the group that Penny Playground has almost been completed. The Chehalis Foundation will once again be selling fence pennies for \$100/each. She explained that the Chehalis Foundation was also working towards a multi-purpose athletic center, which will feature tennis courts and wrestling areas. They are working towards a performing arts center and assisting children that will be working towards a technical education.
- 4. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Executive Director's Report:** Annalee Tobey gave the group an overview of 2020 accomplishments. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent lock-downs, the CCRT was able to complete many projects including murals, creating a stronger bonds with other Lewis County agencies, accomplish many projects such as the 'Things to do' hotel room cards, and offer a small business grant program through CARES funds provided by the City of Chehalis.
 - b. Promotions:** David James informed the group that the promotions committee is planning 2021 goals. The main focus of the committee will be the rebranding of the CCRT to increase awareness of the group.
 - c. Design:** Annalee Tobey explained that art and color tend to increase the overall view of the downtown area and studies have shown an increase in sales and community participation in towns that have a vibrant downtown.
 - d. Organization:** Nicole Sampson explained that the organization committee will be working with local businesses for B&O tax donation pledges.
- 5. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order**
 - a.** Larry Cook informed the group that he adopted a rescue cat from Kitty Kat Haven.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 A.M. by Nicole Sampson.

Next meeting is Friday, February 12th at 8:30 A.M. via Zoom

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