

10/8/21 - Chehalis Community Renaissance Team

Attendees: Brandon Rakes, David James, Brian Wilkins, Laura Six, Justine Pense, Randy Mueller, Lindsey Senter, Larry Cook, Annalee Tobey, Larry McGee, Michael Ervin, Jo Kuehner, Andrea Culletto, Terry Harris, Andy Skinner, Chip Duncan, Nic (KELA), Daniel Murray, Jill Anderson, Julie Zander-McDonald, Susan DeLaire, Scott Forsman and Casey Forsman

Randy Mueller - Port of Chehalis

- Port is currently looking for next CEO with Randy leaving
 - 30 applicants, 3 finalists
- New Contracts
 - \$11.5 mil for 65 acres distribution center by Newaukum Golf course
 - 100 acre space across from office is in negotiation after Costco dropped out
 - Randy will stay on as an advisor after his employment ends
 - Hydrogen project is still underway.
 - Grain project is still underway. They are currently building infrastructure. The Port is hoping to use the \$1.7 mill funding from the state to possibly receive a federal match.

Chip Duncan - Veteran's Memorial Museum

- Trunk of Treat at the Veterans Museum on Oct 30th
 - Trunks with Treats will be 4-7pm
 - 8pm Rocky Horror Picture Show outdoor movie
 - Indoor/outdoor park and walk Trunk or Treat this year
- There will be a Veteran's Day event at the museum on Nov. 11th
- The museum's outdoor movie setup is available for rent
- Chip is working with a *Workforce Peer Alliance* in Olympia to offer counseling for veterans
- Michael Ervin announced Columbia Bank will be making a \$1000 donation to the Veteran's Memorial Museum

Promotion Committee Report - David James

- Starting planning for the holiday season
 - Small Business Saturday Scavenger hunt being researched
 - Postcard project is still taking designs and printing proposals are out to bid
 - Rebranding efforts will begin during the first week of November
 - LTAC proposal was submitted and awarded. CCRT received less than requested as all applicants received the same amount. CCRT has adjusted their budget accordingly.

ERC Report - Laura Six

- CCRT is working on hiring a student employee from the college to work at Chehalis Coworks
- Facade grants have had another great season. New awnings on 4 businesses downtown businesses. Over 30 in total over the life of the program.
- Larry asked about the lack of digital facade grants applications and if there is anything CCRT should do about that.

Design Committee Report – Annalee for Emily von Flotow

- Coloring books are here! Annalee has finished the press release. They will be going out to all of our elementary school students as well as throughout downtown and at local attractions.
- Postcard project – working with promotions on new postcards.
- Murals
 - M&K Town Store mural has been a huge success!
 - The airport mural is complete on the side of the building and the roof is prepped for refreshing the words Chehalis and Centralia on the roof.
 - Kaija’s mural has been delayed because prep took longer than expected and weather did not cooperate.
 - Diners, Drive-ins and Dives was in town and filmed at two local restaurants.
 - There are two spaces for sale in downtown – the former Wells Fargo and former Sister’s Studio.

Annalee has been appointed to the EDC board

Discussion about potential mural at Parking Lot C:

- Jo Kuehner and Scott and Casey Forsman attended the meeting to voice their opinion of the chosen artwork. Jo does not like to chosen floral design. She feels it does not tell a story or add anything to the city parking lot that is adjacent to her property.
- Since weather has brought an end to the outdoor painting season, the mural has been put on hold. David suggested Jo work with the city to paint the wall in a manor she sees fit. He suggested perhaps CCRT could find a different space for the floral mural.