

FRIDAY WITH *Friends*

MEETING NOTES

Experience Chehalis

April 12, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

Attendees: David James, Brian Wilkins, Laura Six, Brandon Rakes, Jessica Kinney, Muriel Wheatley, Jill Anderson, Sarah Prok, Mitch Moberg, Michael Ervin, Katie McDougall, Joy Templeton, Tony Baker, Susan Delaire, Shawna Herriford, Chelsea Barr, Lindsey Senter, Annalee Tobey

Partner Updates

Muriel Wheatley - Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library

- The library offers free printing with your library card.
 - Each month members can print 440 black and white copies and 88 color copies per library card. Pick up orders through the drive-thru.
- Database access about businesses
- Online Learning Courses
 - office and coding training
- 3 story times a week for families and kids including dance and activity
- Stem Programs
- Gadgets library
 - Master recyclers
 - Gadgets to help keep things out of landfills
 - Volt readers
 - Media Conversion hardware
- Drive thru mural forthcoming with Experience Chehalis!
- Lewis County Anywhere Library is a new mobile library based out of Salkum with regular stops in Lewis County areas where there isn't a library.

Jessica Kinney - Chehalis Community Farmers Market

- Next Saturday is Experience Chehalis's Earth Day Community Clean-up! Meet at the Lewis County Historical Museum. Event is 10am-2pm.
- There will be an Earth Day celebration on Boistfort St hosted by Nature Nurture Farmacy.
- Market Preview Plant Sald on May 7.

- June 4th the market will host the Downtown Renovation Team and will be the first chance for the public to provide feedback on what they want to see out of the downtown reconstruction.
- The market will also pilot a new Saturday market, hosted on the second Saturday of every month.

Discussion

- Experience Chehalis holds a monthly meeting on homelessness with stakeholders and business.
- Potentially create grants to improve back entrance of businesses for construction period.
- Annalee shared her appreciation of Jill's commitment to the city and congratulating her on retirement. There will be a reception for Jill on Tuesday the 16th at City Hall Chambers from 4pm-6pm. Jill shared her love of this community and the relationships in this community.

Committee Reports

Promotion Committee - David James

- Relaunching Historic Walking Tour Guide with updated guide and new mobile version with plaques added to current plaques with QR codes to prompt visitors to mobile version.
- Plaques in process for Art Tour walking tour.
- Website is being updated with new "Meet Section" to share local options for large and small gatherings.
- Fundraising Idea - posters of mural
- Successful launch of new e-newsletter

Economic Vitality - Laura Six

- 15 grants awarded this year.
 - \$27,000 of Experience Chehalis funds

Design - Annalee Tobey for Jen Kinsman

- Library Mural - RFP is being developed
- Lewis County Star Tavern Mural is on hold until asbestos abatement
- Chehalis Rocks program will launch for the season this spring.

Outreach - Annalee Tobey for Angela French

- Block Captain program is up and running. Captains are our delivering information to local businesses and gathering feedback including info from businesses about how they would like to receive information
- Working to develop a welcome gift for new businesses

Good of the Order

- Babe Ruth Baseball has 3 board members working hard. They have two teams this year and feel good about progress and new sponsorships.
- There will be a City of Chehalis Cleanup day of May 11 from 9am-noon at Stan Hedwall. Residents can dump garbage at dumpsters.