The Committee met on May 15, 2013, 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. Committee Members present: Chair Jerry Childs and Councilmembers Jim Colebank, Cindy Lucarelli, Mayor Matthes and staff City Clerk Brandy Rinearson, Director of Community Development Nick Bond, Associate Planner Thomas Bonsell.

Guests present: Kim Punt, Concerts by the Bay; Terry Bontrager, Port Orchard Cruz

Change: Brandy Rinearson explained to the committee that the Planning Department will be taking over staff support for the council committee.

**Upcoming Port Orchard Events:**

Kitsap Harbor Festival: Kim Punt provided an update, indicating everything was in order for the Memorial Day weekend festival. Punt indicated there would be two fee levels, $15 and $25 for the Murder Mystery. It was reported that the City of Bremerton has agreed to participate in the Murder Mystery event.

Ribbon Cutting for Waterfront Park and Bay Street Trail: Kim Punt provided an update, saying the ceremony was a 3 PM with the Navy Band playing and dignitaries gathering for the grand opening.

Fathoms O’ Fun Festival and Grand Parade: Punt gave the parade date as Saturday, June 29th. Clerk Rinearson stated the fireworks permit deadline had passed and they were hoping the Phil from the Centralia fireworks company would get the information to them ASAP. Rinearson indicated that the fireworks would have to be cancelled otherwise.

Concerts on the Bay: Ms. Punt reported the first concert will be June 6th and then will run throughout the summer ending on September 1st. Punt also said that the SKHS Marching Band will be on the schedule this year.

The Cruz: Terry Bontrager reported that registrations will start at 4 AM and shut down when they reach approximately 600+ cars. In 2012 they turned away 160 cars. Bontrager said that in 2010 they were in the red, but have been financially sound ever since. They expect 15-20,000 people. Shuttles will be provided, running between downtown, the Armory, and the Kitsap County Courthouse.

**Community Planning:**

PO/POB Joint Waterfront Plan – Status: Chair Childs reported on the following: The committee has reached the point where a Open House will be provided in the fall where the public can come and give their input.

DeKalb Pier update – Chair Childs reported that the city was on a tight timeline and that work had to be done by the end of June to meet our obligation with the State.

Bay Street Market Status – The committee discussed reports that the market opening might be delayed beyond the July 4th announced opening by Don Ryan.
Tourism & Promotion:
Chimes and Lights: Councilmember Lucarelli reported she is working on the Chimes & Lights advertising budget and is concerned what type of marketing she can do with this year's reduction in funding. She is beginning to work with the City Treasurer to ensure conformance with appropriate budgetary constraints. She also reported that ads have been placed in the West Sound Guide and Discover Kitsap, and that once again the primary sponsor will be Kitsap Bank. Terry Bontrager interjected that the fire truck will be available again this year. The status of the lighted boat show completion is unknown.
Foot Ferry Service – Status: The extended service starts May 24th and will run through Labor Day Weekend.
Art Walk: It was reported that the Art walk was a success.

Miscellaneous:
KEDA Video – Status: Chair Childs reported the Council had indicated support for the video at the April council meeting where KEDA Director John Powers made a presentation on the idea. The goal is to produce a video similar to what Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) has done with some of the county’s larger employers. The video will be about 90 seconds long; and would be a great opportunity to showcase what the City has to offer in Work and Play, promoting city tourism and economic development. There will be a presentation by Chair Childs at the May 21st council work study session.

There being no further business, Chair Childs adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

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