Economic Development and Tourism Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2013

The Committee met on June 12, 2013, 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. Committee Members present: Chair Jerry Childs and Councilmembers Jim Colebank, Cindy Lucarelli, Mayor Matthes, Director of Community Development Nick Bond.

Guests present: Kim Punt, Kathy Michaels, Sharron King, Don Ryan, and Eric Gonnason

**Upcoming Port Orchard Events:**

Fathoms O’ Fun – Sharron King provided a final update on FOF prior to the June event. She stated that they still need a judge for the parade and inquired whether guest Michaels would be interested. She also requested from the Mayor that the police harbor patrol boat be made available for fireworks patrol. King gave an overview of the logistics of putting on the fireworks display and of the challenges faced this year, also noting that the calendar/schedule inserts will go out in the Port Orchard Independent the Friday before the parade.

Concerts on the Bay – Sharron King and Kim Punt discussed concerts up to this point and in the future. Punt stated that Kitsap Bank was sponsoring the event and that the SKHS High School marching band was performing this week. The group also discussed Fathoms food concessions and problems with bicyclists who don’t dismount along trail during concerts and other events.

Kitsap Harbor Festival – Sharron King discussed success of Harbor festival and the Murder Mystery game. It was noted that participation was a little lower than expected and that the booth on Bremerton side was not in the best location for encouraging participation, said to be five people.

Ribbon Cutting, POB Park Extension/Trail Phase 2 – Epilogue – Chair Childs briefly discussed event and stated that it went well with good participation from city and port dignitaries. Also attending was 6th District Congressman, Derek Kilmer who spoke to the gathered crowd.

**Community Planning:**

PO/POB Joint Waterfront Plan – Summary – Chair Childs stated that the process has gone from initial planning to the next phase which will be a Open House for the public to participate. The Mayor noted that the planning activities are dependent on staff availability.
Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway, DeKalb Pier Update – Chair Childs presented updates on the project stating that the pieces are going together and that one can now envision the completed project.

Port Orchard Public Market Status – Chair Childs gave a brief overview of what is going on with the market. Don Ryan attended this portion of the meeting and indicated that an actual completion date could not be given at this time.

Myhre’s – Committee member Lucarelli stated the foreclosure sale was to take place on the 21st at the courthouse.

Tourism & Promotion:

2013 Chimes and Lights – Planning Status: C & L Chair Lucarelli discussed rotation of the participating musical groups to ensure an equitable approach. Lucarelli also announced that an opera company will be dressing up in old costumes and caroling in the downtown. Lucarelli has obtained a quote on some event flyers and will be coordinating with Finance. The group then discussed the role of the Planning and Public Works departments as it relates to the festival.

Foot Ferry Service – Opening Event and Status: Members indicated the first extended hours sailing was very well attended. The full boat arrived in Bremerton, greeted by Mayor Lent, and two others who wanted to travel to Port Orchard.

Miscellaneous:

KEDA Live and Work in Port Orchard Video – Status: Chair Childs provided an update on video production and mentioned that this issue was to be discussed by the finance committee on Friday, saying that the committee will discuss project funding.

Misc: Don Ryan briefly addressed the committee on his concern about spending $30,000 on the Sidney Street end improvement. Ryan felt improving the small circle with a medallion is premature and should be put on hold pending a waterfront plan.

Misc: Kim Punt announced that her husband’s Port Orchard Economic Study was in the final two weeks and that those participating needed to schedule their interviews.

Next Meeting Date: July 10, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.