Economic Development and Tourism Committee
Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2013

The Committee met on September 18, 2013, 3:30 p.m. at City Hall.

**Council Committee present:** Chair Jerry Childs, Cindy Lucarelli, Jeff Cartwright

**Staff Present:** Director of Community Development Nick Bond

**Guests Present:** Terry Bontrager the Cruz, Fathoms Chair Sharon King, JBRW Chair Sheila Cline, Mayor Tim Matthes

**Upcoming Port Orchard Events:**

*Festival of Chimes and Lights* – Sheila Cline reported that the Jungle Bell Run/Walk will occur on pretty much the same schedule as last year with registration occurring at the Boat Launch Park. Vendors will again be located in the Kitsap Bank Parking lot. Cline said they have an improved sound system where speakers will be hung from a sound bar that will stretch overhead across Bay Street allowing people to hear in multiple directions. It was announced that Brian Petrow will serve as this year’s MC.

Festival Chair Cindy Lucarelli announced that the planning for the afternoon and evening events is right on track. She mentioned that she may augment the main stage sound by trying to tie in with the extra speakers from the JBRW with their permission.

*Concerts on the Bay* – Sharon King, filling in for Chair Kim Punt, announced that concerts on the bay wrapped up the 2013 season with Danny Vernon, *The Illusion of Elvis*. King said the event was very well attended considering the bad weather. She related that Vernon is already on the schedule for 2014!

*Chocolate Festival* – Fathoms Chair King announced that the advertising campaign for the festival had begun and that flyers were sent home with South Kitsap students.

**Community Planning:**

*Port Orchard Market* – Chair Childs related that while work is continuing at the market, he had no update for completion or when the grand opening would occur. Sharon King said she would be attending the upcoming POBSA meeting and would try to find out if there is any more information from Don Ryan.

*New Bakery* – It was mentioned that the bakery may have run into some building issues which must be resolved before they can open.
**New Police Station** – The group briefly discussed the possibility of a new police station in the Animal Hospital/Veterinarian Clinic building located on Bethel across from Wal*Mart. A foreclosure sale was held in August and the note holder, Liberty Bay Bank, bought it back for 1.3 million. Chair Childs described this as an excellent opportunity to move the police out of city hall and open up space for other departments all the while saving as much as 2 million dollars on the state of the art commercial building, which he described as new with only four months occupancy.

**Pedestrian Path Segment 4** – Councilwoman Lucarelli noted that contamination at Titus Ford and a subsequent cleanup could potentially get in the way of the Blackjack Creek Pedestrian Bridge construction. The city is hoping that the site can be cleaned up by spring as there is a narrow construction window.

**Tourism & Promotion:**

*Live, Work, and Play in Port Orchard Video* – the production company continues to work on editing and hope to have a draft product to the committee soon.

**Miscellaneous:**

*Committee Recommendations to Council* – The committee recommends increased LTAC funding for Chimes and Lights and Police Festival Overtime. Note: the issue will be under discussion at the October Council Work Study session.

**Next Meeting Date:** October 9, 2013 3:30pm at City Hall.