Economic Development and Tourism Committee
Festival of Chimes and Lights Committee
Meeting Minutes

The Committees met on November 13, 2013, 3:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Council Committee present: Cindy Lucarelli, Chimes & Lights Chair and Jeff Cartwright
Staff Present: Director of Community Development Nick Bond. Public Works Director Mark Dorsey, George Thompson and Bill Thiele from Public Works
Guests Present: Fathoms Chair Sharron King, KT Arthur, Terry Bontrager and Sheila Cline

Upcoming Port Orchard Events:

Festival of Chimes and Lights, December 7th – Chair Cindy Lucarelli discussed logistics with Dorsey, Thiele and Thompson for tree set up and lighting installation. Terry Bontrager announced that the Saints Car Club would be getting 40 lbs of Chestnuts for their stand. Progress updates were given by various committee members with everything on schedule for yet another fabulous event. Sheila Cline asked for approximately 1200 C&L Brochures to place in the Jingle Bell Run packets. As of this time, 670 JBR runners have registered.

Chocolate Festival – Epilogue – Sharon King stated that the event was a success and that foot traffic for the event was fantastic with approximately 900 people in attendance. She suggested that they would send a survey to those that bought tickets online to try to improve things for next year. She noted that the Homemade Café took the award for best restaurant and that the Melting Pot from the Dalles, Oregon won top chocolatier. She relayed that all vendors reported that they would be back next year. The committee, with input, identified some improvements that will be made in the future, including the mixing of chocolate vendors with non chocolate vendors and providing more trash receptacles and water coolers.

The Cruz – Terry Bontrager announced the event would be the 2nd Sunday in August and that planning has begun with a big push to start after the holidays. In 2014, it is likely a dance near the gazebo will be added to the event in an effort to encourage more people to stay overnight.

Mention was made of an effort to work on the Port Orchard Waterfront Plan in 2014, with the hope of including students from the Urban Design Studio of the University of WA. Professor Ron Caspersen, the initiator of one of Port Orchard’s City Plans, is still teaching at the university and may have input in yet another plan.

Community Planning:

Port Orchard Market – The Skylight is in, windows delivered.Projected opening is April 2014.
Bay Street Bash – Event planned March 1st, Rotary Club 5020
Myhre’s – Petition for trustee’s sale to be heard in November
Bakery – Lease held up. Two suitors: Ridlon/Freeland

Next Meeting Date: TBD