City of Port Orchard
Economic Development Tourism Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday April 14, 2014

Present: Bek Ashby, Fred Chang & Jeff Cartwright
City Staff present: Development Director Nick Bond
Guests: Mayor Matthes, Lisa Stone

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Discussion: Wayfinding Signs – Steering Committee. Bond explained that the consultant will be visiting the city on Tuesday April 29th to take photos and get a feel for the city. The consultant requested a steering committee consisting of 5-8 people. Bond recommended elected officials and 3-4 people from the community. Cartwright suggested heads of specific groups. Bond, Dorsey, Ashby and Mayor Matthes will be on the committee. Bond asked each committee member to provide suggestions for the steering committee that the Mayor could then pick from.

Discussion: Centers Designation. Bond dispensed Appendix F from the countywide planning policies showing the complete list of designated centers in the County. The city of Port Orchard has 3 centers that were adopted in 2004 before the annexations. Bond stated that centers potentially earn more points on Grant applications and that the city may want to have some additional centers added to the list. Committee suggested adding Bethel from Lund to Sedgwick, Sedgwick/Sidney Intersection, and Tremont Corridor as Centers. Bond said a Comp Plan Amendment is needed to make a center. Ashby indicated she would initiate such an amendment.

Discussion: Housing/Employment Allocations. Bond told the committee that the city is required to plan for a population of 20,558 by 2035. The city has a surplus of land capacity and has the infrastructure to serve the city properly. Employment allocations are still being discussed at KRCC. Bond stated that Poulsbo wants to take some of the Port Orchard UGA employment. The committee was asked to think about whether it was a good idea to give up some UGA employment. Bond will bring it up at Work Study on April 15th.

Discussion: Transportation Needs & Funding. Council Member Ashby suggested that the council needs to think about what they are willing to fund. Bond stated that we could legally raise car tabs $20 for city residents without a vote of the citizens. Ashby asked how much the council was willing to put onto people for projects. Cartwright suggested restarting the Streets & Alley Subcommittee next year.

Discussion: City Booth at Vender Fairs. Ashby suggested having storyboards with projects that are going on in the city in which citizens may not be aware. Ashby suggested having different Council members manning the booths. It would make the city more accessible. Cartwright noted that there should be no campaigning at these booths.

Discussion: Commercial Redevelopment. Bond sent out a slideshow and mentioned the Kmart building. Bond said the Kmart building would be hard to redevelop because we don’t own the property. Ashby suggested Nick take time in another meeting to tell the committee what the city can and cannot do regarding redevelopment of property not owned by city. Chang asked the
committee to think about how to get people to take pride in their property. Bond stated that the Comp Plan Amendment can help in redevelopment by enabling rezoning.

With that discussion, Ashby closed the meeting.
Meeting Adjourned: 11:50 am
Next Meeting/Location: May 12, 2014, 10:00am Council Chambers