Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
August 15, 2013

The Committee met on Thursday, August 15, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Committee Members present: Chair Fred Chang; Chris Stansbery, Sidney Museum Arts Gallery; Kathy Michael, Cedar Cove Inn; Christine Daniels, Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce; Frank Graziani, Saints Car Club; and staff City Clerk Brandy Rinearson.

Absent: Lorraine Olsen, Mrs. Howe’s B&B and Chan Park, Comfort Inn.

Chair Chang introduced himself; and asked each committee member to introduce themselves and which organization they represent.

City Clerk Rinearson explained to the Committee the changes to RCW 67.28 in relation to Lodging Tax funds.

Each committee member voiced what they felt lodging tax fund should be used for.

Ms. Michael pointed out to the committee that all the hotel/motels in the City are typically full during the summer months and asked the committee to start thinking how the City can get another Hotel in the area to help increase tourism overnight stays. In addition, she asked the committee to start thinking of events that could be held in the “shoulder season”; rather than in the prime season when hotels are already full for other reasons. An example would be a winter boating rendezvous. The boaters would come to participate in the event, but would not necessarily stay on their boats, but stay in a hotel.

The committee discussed a scoring system to rate the applications submitted. They liked the score sheet that was presented by Ms. Olson last year and agreed to use the same sheet for this year. Clerk Rinearson provided the score sheets to the committee members.

Clerk Rinearson confirmed the amount of funds being projected for the 2014 Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax of $64,000. She encouraged the Committee to think about setting a reserve should revenues not come in as projected. Clerk Rinearson will check with the Treasurer to see what an appropriate amount of reserve is.

There being no further business, Chair Chang adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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