

COLLABORATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2021, at 3:00 pm
Virtual Teams Meeting

Committee Members:

Gene Merrill (Chair)
Bryan Hawkins (Vice Chair) – Absent
Shauna Bland – Absent
Sam Engel
Kenny Houck – Absent
Josie Molloy
Colene Martin
Cameron Camp
Bob Schaller
Kim Dickson
Casey Alderson
Daniel Mancuso – Absent
Ruth Swain
Bradley Converse
Ron Gordon – Absent

Government Liaisons:

Susan Seereiter, Business Advocate
Darin Fowler, County Commissioner - Absent
Jean Ann Miles, City of Cave Junction - Absent
Curt Collins, City Council Liaison

Guests:

Marta Tarantsey – Business Oregon
Jon Bowen
Ethan Lane
Colleen Padilla

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Merrill called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm (Note: there was a recording error, and these minutes are from notes taken by staff liaison. Apologies for any missing content)
2. **Public Comment:**
 - Jon Bowen asked if the Real Estate sector had suggestions for how to address the affordable housing market, not necessarily with a tax, perhaps a “self-fee” that the industry would consider to help level the market.
 - Ethan Lane introduced himself and his interest in joining the committee
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Approval of minutes from August 26, 2021.

Motion

Member Schaller moved and Member Martin seconded the motion to approve the minutes from August 26, 2021, as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”:
Committee Members: Camp, Martin, Engel, Alderson, Converse, Dickson, Swain, Molloy, Schaller, and Chair Merrill. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None.
Absent: Members Bland, Mancuso, Houck, Gordon and Vice-Chair Hawkins.
The motion passed.

4. **Work Session Items:**
 - a. **Update information sharing from each member**
 - Discussion from several members continued about the Real Estate Sector and their position on the taxation idea.
 - The committee finally agreed to formulate a sub-committee to pursue creative ideas to housing market situation.

- Workforce Housing/Real Estate Sub-Committee member volunteers include Brad Converse, Sam Engel, Colene Martin and Jon Bowen.
- It was suggested that this sub-committee needs to communicate with and involve the Housing Advisory Committee.
- Member Schaller asked for agenda items to include E-Mobility in a future meeting. It is here now and it needs to be addressed and discussed.
- Committee asked for a report on development trends for permits from the City and County.

b. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Task Force update

- Member Martin, who is also on the task force, shared small businesses have received over \$900,000 in assistance from ARPA funding.

6. Information Sharing:

a. Items from Committee Members

- Marta from Business Oregon shared upcoming events including Oregon Humanities.

b. Items from Councilors and Commissioner

- Councilor Collins shared that homelessness is still a Council discussion. Also exploring grants and how to sustain them.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- Goals
- Construction excise tax review

8. Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm

Next scheduled meeting: TBA

Minutes prepared by Susan Seereiter, City Staff Liaison.