

# West Linn Economic Development Committee

## Minutes – July 28, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Chair Troy Wolfe at 6:05pm, in attendance were Vice Chair Gail Holmes, Counselor Brenda Perry, City Planner Darren Wyss, Richard S., Richard Sakelik, Larry Meese, Jennifer Harmon, Bev Burke and Kazi Ahmed.

### Approval of Minutes:

June 23 and July 14 minutes were approved as submitted, MSP.

### Survey Report:

The public survey is currently open and we have had 436 responses, which is a better response than past EDC surveys. There will be more statistics to come when the survey is closed. The Business survey was discussed and questions were reviewed and revised. Also, possibly a future survey directed to the Business's that have left West Linn or are planning on leaving.

### Mission and Strategy:

At the upcoming City Council meeting, August 8<sup>th</sup>, the Council will be voting on and hopefully accepting the 2016-17 EDC Mission and Strategy document.

### EDC meeting secretary:

The committee decided there would be rotating EDC members taking minutes, August 11<sup>th</sup> will be Bev Burke, August 25<sup>th</sup> will be Richard Sakelik.

### Items of Interest:

Larry Meese, there will be a Parks and Recreation survey coming up about the West Linn Master Trail.

Richard Sakelik, reminded EDC to work on their Action Plan, Director John Morgan has begun the process and we as a committee need to set our priorities on this list.

Gail Holmes, discussed the Business/Residential zoning in Willamette area needs to be addressed, it is very difficult to fill the retail spaces in this area due to the zoning, on Willamette Falls Drive is a Business Zone and the 8<sup>th</sup> Street is an R10 Residential Zone and this does not create a good transition zone. The TVF&R is straddling both zones and so is the Historic Willamette General Store.

Troy Wolfe, no news about the Albertson's/Haggen future tenant.

City Planner Darren Wyss, discussed the primary tools the City controls in regards to economic development is the zoning code and fee schedule. Mr. Wyss then used the example of a day care center needing a Conditional Use Permit in commercial zones, whereas cities adjacent to West Linn allow them as outright permitted uses, and how that could affect a Business's decision to locate in West Linn.

**Adjournment:** Chair Troy Wolfe at 7:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Gail Holmes.