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# WEST LINN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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September 6, 2013  
8:00 AM  
Bolton Room, City Hall

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## Summary Notes

### Attendees:

Chris Kerr, Ron LeBlanc, Dan Gardner, Linda Neace, Mark Harris, Gail Holmes, Ben Kittelson

### Meeting Time:

8:05 am to 9:40 am

### Discussion:

- Discussion on the open seat on the EDC, Gail wanted to know if we planned on filling the seat before the term ends in December. Chris said it was the City Manager's decision and that it did not make much sense to go through the process of filling the seat only to do it again in December. Ron announced that he had recently moved out of the City of West Linn and would be resigning from the EDC after his terms ends in December.
- Linda said that the Chamber does not think the City works well with the Chamber of Commerce. She was particularly upset about the fees that the city charges the Chamber to have a booth at the Old Time Fair, specifically the 10% of profits that the City takes from booths selling items. An idea was discussed that there needs to be a distinction between non-profit booths and for profit booths. Chris stated that the city needs to take a look at how we do special events and special events permits and some of those ideas could be incorporated. Chris suggested that at the next Chamber meeting they discuss and come up with a list of specific, achievable things that the City can do to help the Chamber. He suggested he could be there to help come up with the list.

- Gail announced an upcoming tour of the Blue Heron site through the Clackamas County Business Alliance, which the Chamber recently joined.
- Discussion of the Non-Residential Street Maintenance Fees, City Council wants the EDC to look at a possible increase in the fees since the residential fee went up. Many issues were discussed about the possible effects of an increase in the fee and the number of ways an increased fee could hurt small businesses. The committee wanted to know what the Council would use the increased revenue from the fee for. Ron said that it's a political question, so the Council can answer questions from citizens about why their rates went up but not the commercial rates. The EDC wanted more information and will have Richard Seals the City's CFO come to the next meeting to present on the topic.
- The CPP grants were discussed and the timeline was introduced. The EDC wants to see the reports on how the projects they chose last time are doing; Chris said he would get those to them.
- Chris Kerr gave an update on the Cut the Red Tape project, said that there is another public hearing for the Planning Commission on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Motions or Proposals:**

- There were no motions or proposals.