

# MINUTES

## Lane Economic Committee

Lane Council of Governments – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room  
99 E. Broadway, Suite 400 – Eugene

April 19, 2004 – 11:30 A.M.

PRESENT: John Tamulonis, Chair; Mike Blommé, Chuck Forster, Glenda Poling, Jim Ramseyer, Hal Reed, Rob Scoggin, Charles Spencer, John Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Mitch Wilkinson, Lynnette Wikstrom, members; Philip Hudspeth, *ex officio* members; Mike Galvin, Joshua Greene, Howard Schesser, alternate members.

Steve Dignam (LCOG); Peter Thurston (Lane County); Bob Warren (Oregon Economic & Community Development Department).

ABSENT: Tim Black, DeAnn Cherbas, Anna Morrison, Michael Redding, members; Jay Bozievich, Deb Schmidt, Kari Westlund, *ex officio* members.

GUESTS: Richard Linton, Kathy Madison, Jack Roberts, Tim Shinnebarger, Tom Kartrude

Mr. Tamulonis called the meeting of the Lane Economic Committee (LEC) to order at 11:35 a.m. He invited those who were present to introduce themselves. He determined there were no comments from the public, chair, and staff.

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Warren requested that Sentence 2, Paragraph 5, on Page 3 of the minutes of the March 15 meeting be changed, as follows:

Mr. Warren explained that special applications could ***not*** be considered past the submission deadline.

***Ms. Poling moved, seconded by Mr. Ramseyer, to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2004 meeting, as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously, 11:0, Mr. Mike Sullivan having not yet joined the meeting.***

### 2. University of Oregon Technology Based Economic Development

Mr. John Sullivan asked where responses could be directed regarding “troubling inferences” in the *Lane County Sustainable Business Report* recently presented to LEC members by Director of the University of Oregon (UO) Watershed and Community Health Program Bob Doppelt. Mr. Thurston replied that a review of the document by the Lane Board of County Commissioners was being delayed to enable consideration of it in development of the Eugene Economic Development Plan. He said it would also be considered by the Lane Economic Development Standing Committee and that input to any of those venues would be appropriate.

Mr. Tamulonis requested that Mr. Thurston inform members of the LEC of the dates the document would be considered in the various forums.

Vice President for Research at the UO, Richard Linton, presented a report entitled “Coupling UO’s Research to Technology-Based Economic Development.” He compared the standing of UO research among other research universities in the region, nation, and world. He described its support of innovation for economic development – basic research, applied research and outreach, translational research, technology transfer, new business creation, and the Riverfront Research Park. He reviewed the organizational structure, function, and accomplishments of UO support for research. He described collaborative research projects of the “Brain, Biology and Machine Initiative” and “Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute.” He distributed copies of a UO publication entitled “Inquiry – Information from the Frontiers of Knowledge.”

Members discussed the report.

Mr. Thurston distributed copies of a document entitled “2004 Currents – Lane County Community and Economic Development Program” and invited LEC member participation in public hearings it described.

### **3. Lane Metro Partnership Target Industry Analysis**

Lane Metro Partnership Director Jack Roberts described recent efforts to identify industries most likely to relocate in Lane County. He explained that successful business expansion was most likely in economy sectors that were already focused in the area and for which important support was available. He reviewed current efforts in four industry areas and described past, current and future developments in them – recreational vehicles and equipment, applied technologies (health care/bioscience), natural resources (natural food and secondary wood products, and back office/customer service centers.

Members discussed and asked questions about the presentation.

### **4. Needs and Issues Process Update**

Mr. Dignam said the State of Oregon Needs and Issues prioritization process had begun, but that responses from all Lane County communities had not yet been received. He invited members to volunteer to serve on a “ranking and reviewing” subcommittee to prepare a recommendation for consideration at the May 17 LEC meeting, which would submit its recommendation to the LCOG Board of Directors for final approval. He said the subcommittee would likely meet two times and that the State deadline for completion of the list had been postponed from June 1 to August 1. He said final parameters for compiling the list had not yet been determined.

Mr. Greene, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. Scoggin, Mr. Spencer, Mr. John Sullivan, Ms. Wikstrom, Ms. Poling, Mr. Derrick volunteered to serve.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

*(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)*

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