

MINUTES

Lane Economic Committee

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

May 12, 2008 – 11:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Rob Scoggin, Chair; Pat Albright, Tim Black, Mike Blommé, Chuck Forster, Mike Galvin, Ellen Teninty, Lynnette Wikstrom, *members*; Jay Bozievich, *ex officio members*; Lou Christian, Howard Schesser, *alternate members*.

Steve Dignam (LCOG).

ABSENT: Denny Braud, DeAnn Cherbas, Phillip Hudspeth, Glenda Poling, John Sullivan, John Tamulonis, *members*; Deb Schmidt, Kari Westlund, *ex officio members*;

GUESTS: Neil Björklund

Chairperson Rob Scoggin called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Lane Economic Committee (LEC) to order at 11:35 a.m. He invited those who were present to introduce themselves. Members discussed the value of designating alternates to be their representatives at meetings they were unable to attend.

Chairperson Scoggin determined there was no one present wishing to make a public comment.

1. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Chairperson Scoggin distributed a document providing nine “Public Participation Policies” and suggested that they be considered normative operating procedures for LEC meetings.

Members and staff discussed the suggestions and appeared to agree they were appropriate expectations, but that they did not need official adoption or incorporation into committee bylaws. Various suggestions for their use were to incorporate them onto a speaker sign-up sheet, recognize their limitations on agenda, and announce their intention at the time of a meeting’s public comment period.

2. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Mr. Dignam noted that he was not wearing a hat, appropriate non-attire for dignified staff.

3. MINUTES

Tim Black requested that changes be made to Paragraph 6 on Page 3 of the minutes of the April 21 meeting, as follows:

Mr. Black introduced Mr. Greg ~~Riekoff~~ *Rikoff*. Mr. ~~Riekoff~~ *Rikoff* commented that the largest myth in regards to the Riverfront Research Park is that ~~they have~~ *the University was negotiating* an agreement with the City for the hospital to locate there . . . In regards to the arena, Mr. ~~Riekoff~~ *Rikoff* stated that the neighbors are requesting a formal opinion on the land and permissible uses. On May 7th a hearings official will ~~decide~~ *take testimony* on whether or not a conditional permit is necessary. *A decision is expected by June 3. . . .*

Chairperson Scoggin determined there was no objection to the request and the minutes were amended.

Chuck Forster moved, seconded by Pat Albright, to accept the minutes of the April 21 meeting, as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously, 9:0.

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLBOX

A. Infrastructure Financing (Continued)

Mr. Dignam explained that presenter Jim Zelenka had been unable to attend the meeting, but would be scheduled subsequently to complete his presentation on infrastructure financing.

B. Industrial Land Availability (Continued)

Neil Björklund stated that he was Metro and Urban Planning Director for the City of Eugene. He described a Comprehensive Urban Land Study being undertaken. He distributed copies of a document entitled “Eugene Urban Lands Assessment/HB 337 Work Plan” and reviewed the schedule of activities that it included. He reported that the City had contracted with ECO Northwest to conduct the project.

Members discussed the process and intent of the study. Mr. Björklund stated that he would continue to keep the LEC informed of the progress of the Study, including the results of the available land report to be included as part of it.

Jay Bozievich suggested that an updated report on the activities of the Lane Community College Business Development Center from its Director Jim Lindly would be a valuable addition to the LEC discussion of Economic Development Tools.

Chairperson Scoggin announced that the next LEC meeting was scheduled for June 16, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)

LCOG: C:\DOCUMENTS AND SETTINGS\CLAS027\LOCAL SETTINGS\TEMPORARY INTERNET FILES\LEC080512.DOC
Last Saved: May 13, 2008