

MINUTES

Lane Economic Committee
Lane Community College
Room 225 Center for Meeting and Learning
4000 East 30th Avenue – Eugene

May 19, 2003 – 11:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Alex Pawlowski, Chair; DeAnn Cherbas, Chuck Forster, Don Hampton, Scarlet Lee, Hal Reed, Rob Scoggin, Mike Sullivan, John Tamulonis, members; Deb Schmidt, Dennis Shine, *ex officio* members; Bob Doppelt, Mike Galvin, Howard Schesser, John Sullivan, alternate members; Steve Dignam (LCOG), staff.

ABSENT: Anna Morrison, Glenda Poling, Jim Ramseyer, Michael Redding, Charles Spencer, Lynnette Wikstrom-Smith, members; Kari Westlund, *ex officio* member.

GUESTS: Mark Clark, Bob Hawk, Jane Scheidecker.

Mr. Pawlowski called the meeting of the Lane Economic Committee (LEC) to order at 11:40 a.m. He invited those who were present to introduce themselves.

1. Public Comments

None.

2. Comments from the Chair

Mr. Pawlowski reviewed discussion at the April 21 meeting regarding the creation of an LEC advocacy committee to deal with matters related to economic development. He reported that LEC representatives had presented the request to the Lane Council of Governments' (LCOG) Board of Directors, as requested. He noted that a letter from Executive Director George Kloepfel regarding the LCOG policy regarding advocacy had been received by all members.

Mr. Hampton reported on discussion of the request by the LCOG Board. He said it had agreed to maintain its current advocacy policy – committees such as the LEC may recommend that the Board take positions regarding issues and proposed legislation, but not advocate for them independently. He said the Board authorized its Executive Committee to act on a recommendation, if it was not possible for the entire Board to respond in a timely fashion, and for the Chairperson to act in an situation in which even gathering the Executive Committee was impossible.

Mr. Hampton said members of the Board had appeared more than willing to receive recommendations for it to consider advocacy positions.

4. Staff Comments

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hampton moved, seconded by Mr. Scoggins, to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2003, meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously, 11:0.

6. Opportunities for Training and Learning with Lane Community College

Jane Scheidecker stated that she was Director of the Lane Community College (LCC) Business Development Center and Contract Training. She invited members to join a tour of the facilities at the conclusion of the meeting. She distributed copies of material entitled "Welcome to the Business Development Center and Contract Training," "Lane Community College Quarterly Report," and "Office of Instruction and Student Services." She reviewed their information. She made a Power Point presentation about what was available at the Business Development Center.

7. Eugene Air Center Project

Bob Hawk briefed members regarding his proposal to develop a maintenance facility for Bombardier Air aircraft at the Eugene Airport. He described the identified need, employment opportunities it would provide, and potential economic impacts on the area. He reviewed his contacts and efforts to establish the facility.

Members discussed the project and offered encouragement for its establishment.

8. Eugene Economic Development Update

Michael Sullivan reviewed economic development activity in Eugene – Federal Courthouse, Library, Oregon Research Institute use of downtown Sears site, Off-Street Condo Project, Broadway Place, High Street Apartment, Aurora Housing, and Train Station. He said a Downtown Plan Update would be completed within the next ten years and would include a "Great Streets" concept. He discussed downtown mixed use development and said the first update of the City's Economic Development Policy in 20 years would begin in the near future.

9. Springfield Economic Development Update

John Tamulonis reviewed economic development activity in Springfield – the closing of Sony manufacturing, moving Peace Health Hospital to the Gateway area, expansion of Symantec, Pioneer Parkway extension, and Interstate Highway interchange. He said a Ground Transportation Management study was underway, a major sewer trunk-line extension was planned, and that industrial sites were being readied for occupation. He reviewed additional developments in the downtown, mid-Springfield, and Jasper Natron areas of the City.

10. Next Meeting

Mr. Pawlowski announced that the next LEC meeting was scheduled for June 23.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)