

MINUTES – FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FED) COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 01/28/08

The meeting was called to order @ 1:28, Monday, January 28, 2008, in the South Wing Conference Room in Suite D of City Hall with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Bob Sheckler – Mayor and Chairman
Carmen Scott
Susan White was absent

City Staff

Grant Fredricks - Acting City Manager
Denise Lathrop
Patrice Thorell
Paula Henderson
Linda Wright – Recording Secretary
Tony Piasecki on vacation

AGENDA:

- A. Committee Schedule and Work Plan Discussion
- B. Farmer's Market (Patrice)
- C. Seattle Southside Business Attraction Program Activities (Grant)
- D. Midway Subarea Planning Project (Denise)
- E. Zoning Code Preview of 2/7 City Council Meeting (Denise)
- F. Economic Development Projects Update (Grant)

A. Various candidate topics were discussed including: 8th Avenue--Downtown (storefronts) and Parking, Development, Economic Development Strategy, Budgeting for Outcomes and Develop Presentation Process, Division 2 Zoning Code

Need to have 3-5 retreats to cover all the topics including Street Standards for PS&T.
Other topics: SR 509 right of way info and DM Elementary abandonment? (Not sure if it will happen or not.)

Discussion re Derelict Properties Abatement and need for Abatement Revolving fund....working with Susan Mahoney in Legal. May start with 1-Time \$. Fines will be assessed by Ordinance - synchronize development of Abatement Fund with 2009 Budget. Finance Director brought up she's looking for a different manner in which to present the budget.

- Mayor Sheckler wants a Committee Calendar before end of February so all Council can plan their meetings, topics and retreats.

Patrice indicated that Municipal Committee may need to appoint Adhoc Committee for Parks Master Plan. Tillicum Village and other topics of discussion for Beach Park need to wait until Buildings are rehabilitated before doing any planning so don't have to cancel events - schedule so uncertain. Patrice had contact with historical personnel in Olympia - recommend waterproofing building (est. \$150,000) to prevent floor damage in Auditorium which will be the most beneficial building for future programs and rental. Councilmember Scott interjected in her opinion that the floor would be more important than the Federal Lobbyist.

Paula wondering if the Committee wants to be involved in Investment Policy and changes.....Mayor Sheckler indicated “Yes” and would be part of Finance Committee. Will be dealing with Marina Bond and Debt Service. She would like to receive agendas to know when she should attend.

B. Farmer’s Market is changing hands - current organization no longer wants to participate. Stewardship Partners would take over for 1 year until City ready to proceed on its own - if it wants to continue with a Farmer’s Market. Would need \$4000 seed beginning fund balance. Should be presented to full Council to see if want to take over. Feel timing is too short to make decision based on budget process. Should be left to Stewardship Partners giving City time to get up to speed and be ready to take over following year, if in fact that is what City wants to do. Councilmember Scott suggested discussing with other Council members, but Mayor not going to bring it up now unless a majority appear to be in agreement. She wants to make sure new organization will not restrict other vendors (previous one limited who could participate - natural/organic). Don’t want to lose current personnel who are working the Market, i.e. Ricci.

➤ Patrice to give contract to Stewardship Partners to begin process for 1 year.

C. Grant went over the handouts regarding South King County and the advertorial for businesses to sign up w/Times to be included in the insert. Must be done by 2/8. Patrice wants to have ½ page for Des Moines to include Tall Ships water taxi and all the other events happening in Des Moines over summer. Presume that Jane Epton with Landmark on the Sound, B&E Meats, Corky Cellars, Powell Homes and others will participate. March 26 w/be a Seattle South Side Forum @ Doubletree @ SeaTac - will have bus tour to see some of the sites mentioned in the brochures. SKCEDI (South King Economic Development Initiative) sponsoring. Allison Clark is contact. Grant and Councilmember White are representing Des Moines.

D. Denise on Committee with City of Kent regarding Joint Planning Project for Midway area. Light rail alignment station: land uses, bus routes, rapid ride, etc. Will have technologically innovative approach to public involvement, website - w/be interactive. Gloria Gould-Wesson is contact @ Kent. Was initially started by Kent but expanded to include Des Moines – DCTED Grant was awarded for joint project. Stakeholders: WSDOT, Sound Transit, Cities of Kent, Des Moines, SeaTac, and Federal Way. Will be a joint session sometime in Feb. with staff and Council members from two cities.

E. Zone Code 2/7 Chapter 18 Procedural issues. Want to do in same manner as Building Code updates were handled. Handle changes.....any procedural policy questions would be noted and then handled in one recap Issue by issue so getting language changes made w/o getting bogged down on policy.

F. DMCBP: terminology RFQ vs RFP. Part 2 City req. developer regulations appendix draft was what City looking for. Tailored letters sent to 3 finalists. Meeting last week w/Madison Develop Group. Working w/Furney and Ono’s property may have 2 of 4 residential properties locked up.

Prologis w/be warehouse trucks w/use 24th/216th. Redevelopment of 208th..hi-density w/be safety issues w/north egress/ingress. Home Depot and Costco (if eventually developed) expected to produce up to \$200,000,000 in annual sales - Des Moines would get 1% = \$2,000,000.

Possibility of social service organization acquiring Pac Ridge propertyDMMC code transitional use confirmed for Pac Ridge?

Anthony's pulling back from 2nd restaurant @ Marina because of finances. May be interested in a year if we have not found something else by that time. Joe considering RFP.

Adjourned @ 4:27 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda L. Wright Senior Secretary