



**Banks Economic Development Commission
August 4, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER Economic Development Commission Chair Will Moore called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Kim Post, Clint Jackson, Marsha Kirk, Margaret Holland, Rich Weitzel, and Will Moore.

Absent: Doug Ableman, and Trevor Beard.

Staff present: City Manager Jolynn Becker and City Planner Lauren Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of July 7, 2021 minutes.

Clint Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2021 meeting as presented. Rich Weitzel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS - None

BUSINESS AGENDA

2. **Business Outreach Update:** Jolynn Becker noted that a summary of the information collected from Commissioners and businesses was included in the agenda packet. She provided a brief overview of the information and confirmed that the summary provided the Commission with the information they were looking for.

Commissioners and Staff reviewed and discussed the overarching themes, which were street side improvements, parking, and the lack of participation despite extensive outreach. Ms. Becker provided an update on the City's shared parking agreement with Five Star and efforts to sign a similar agreement with Ziplly. Commissioners shared thoughts about other locations that the City might consider for a shared parking agreement. Ms. Becker also updated the Commission on trailhead parking enhancements for the Salmonberry Trail.

Chair Moore directed Staff to reformat the information into categories and create a matrix to use as a reference that could be updated as more input comes in over time. Commissioners have different opinions, but a consensus is necessary in order to take action. Ms. Becker confirmed she would present the categorized summary at the next meeting.

3. **Community Center/Plaza Update:** Ms. Becker said she had just received a proposal from a consultant and would email it to Commissioners for review. The proposal was based on direction from the Commission and the price was about \$70,000. She asked that Commissioners be prepared to provide feedback and discuss the proposal at the next meeting.

Commissioners and Staff discussed the budget for this proposal. The scope of work could be scaled back to reduce the cost or additional funding sources could be identified. They shared ideas about how the proposed scope of work could be refined to save costs. They also talked about getting a second proposal. Ultimately, the consensus was to discuss the proposal at the next meeting after Commissioners and Staff had a chance to read it.

ROUND TABLE:

Ms. Becker said after speaking with the Mayor, she recommended that in lieu of having a table at Movies at the Park, the Commission do community outreach by offering snow cones or ice cream on a September evening from 6:00 pm 7:30 pm, allowing the public to speak to City committees. She also recommended the Commission advertise the event by mailing post cards to everyone in the city limits. Movies in the Park does not start until 8:00 pm or 8:30 pm and people are coming and going. Commissioners discussed and most agreed that Movies in the Park and Music in the Park would not be venues that accommodated the Commission's goal of updating the local residents about their projects. Chair Moore disagreed and advocated for having a table set up prior to the movies. He believed the City should have more of a presence in and among the community. Commissioners shared ideas for a stand-alone event and potential locations. They also discussed the importance of Commissioners to serve as representatives of the City in the community. Chair Moore and Rich Weitzel volunteered to host a table at the next Movie in the Park event beginning at 8:00 pm.

The Commission and Staff briefly discussed attendance and membership. Ms. Becker said she would follow up with Doug Ableman and Trevor Beard to see if they were still interested in participating.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by:



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