



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Community & Economic Revitalization Committee (CERC)

City Hall
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Monday, October 24, 2016

5:30 PM

Room 207

Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Nathaniel Jones, Committee member Jim Cooper and
Committee member Julie Hankins

OTHERS PRESENT

Community Planning and Development:
Leonard Bauer, Deputy Director
Renée Sunde, Economic Development Director
Linda Bentley, Senior Planner
Mark Rentfrow, Senior Program Specialist

Walker John, Principal Urban Olympia

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.A [16-0791](#) Approval of June 13, 2016 Community & Economic Revitalization
Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 5.A [16-1165](#) Status Report on Water Street Redevelopment Area (WSRA) Plan

Ms. Sunde provided an update on the Water Street Redevelopment Area (WSRA) plan. The City's contractor for the project, Mr. John with Urban Olympia, was present and provided an update on the WSRA process and a high level concept of what he believed could be a potential project on the site. A recommendation to consider a Neighborhood

Meeting as a potential next step in the process was discussed. The Committee recommended Mr. John come back to a meeting in January to provide a status update and to readdress the recommendation for next steps. Mr. John also wanted to express that he has truly enjoyed working with the City staff throughout this process.

The discussion was completed.

5.B [16-1166](#) Recommendation on Request for Proposal (RFP) responses for the City-owned Property known as the Former Griswold Property

Ms. Sunde and Ms. Bentley provided an update on the two Request for Proposal (RFP) submittals received for the City-owned property known as the former Griswold property. The Committee recommended proceeding into an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with the preferred respondent. Once the ENA draft is complete, Ms. Sunde will bring the document to the Committee to be reviewed prior to continuing to full Council for approval.

The discussion was completed.

5.C [16-1167](#) Briefing on Thurston Community Economic Alliance Strategic Plan

Ms. Sunde provided a brief overview of the Thurston Community Economic Alliance (TCEA) and how the City plans to coordinate its efforts to support the regional plan. Ms. Sunde suggests scheduling a follow-up presentation with Thurston Economic Development Council (TEDC) to provide an overview of the plan to the full City Council.

The discussion was completed.

5.D [16-1168](#) Status Report and Update on Various Economic Efforts

Ms. Sunde provided an update on various economic development efforts:

- Tune-up Course
 - 16 businesses signed up in one week, 8 being businesses located in the downtown area.
 - There will be another course happening in early 2017.
- Automall
 - The Olympia Automall outreach strategy has been in progress.
- Meet the Cities
 - Ms. Sunde will be speaking at the Meet the Cities program put on by the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) in Tukwila on October 25, 2016. This program is a forum for the public and private sector to network, share ideas and discuss development issues and mutually desired retail projects.

The discussion was completed.

6. REPORTS AND UPDATES - None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.