

Marion County Economic Development Advisory Board
June 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes
555 Court St NE, 5th Floor Salem, OR

Members Present; Kevin Cameron, Bill Cummins, Lesa Goff, Nathan Levin, A.J. Nash, Jim Rasmussen, Nate Brown Dave Tibbets, Jay Kemble, Nick Harvel, and Angie Onyewuchi.

Staff and Guests Present; Sarah, City of Salem, Brandon Reich and Sarah Spinks.

Agenda Item: Welcome, Introductions & Announcements

Information/Discussion: Onyewuchi, welcomed attendees, and requested self-introductions.

Action: *None*

Agenda Item: May Meeting Minutes

Information/Discussion: Onyewuchi presented the minutes and called for comment; Onyewuchi asked that everyone take a look at the minutes to make sure they reflect the correct members present for May meeting. Members agreed minutes were correct.

Action: *A motion was brought forth by Rasmussen to approve the May minutes; a second to the motion was made by Cummins. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously.*

Agenda Item: Gates Grant Review

Information/Discussion: The City of Gates proposes to remodel the existing city hall in order to create a larger public meeting space make the space ADA accessible, and develop a secondary exit for employee safety. The project includes remodel and expansion of the current Gates City Hall to include, electrical, heating and air conditioning improvements, new lighting, expansion of public meeting space, better service counter for city services and an additional exit door for staff. The total grant request is \$16,000.

Gates Average Score: 75.9

- Not much leverage
- + Value in meeting space
- Concerns with deferred maintenance
- + ADA improvements are important
- ADA improvements are not economic development
- ADA is required; communities are at risk if they are not in compliance
- Concerns with level of professional work, hand drawing
- Should not be approved to release funds until permits are in hand

Action: *Brown brought forth a motion to approve Gates grant request in the amount of \$16,000 based on actual permits as well as providing adequate plans for permitting. Cameron seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously. An amended motion was brought forth, Levin proposed Gates spend their money first to get plans approved. Nash seconded. Amended motion voted on and approved unanimously.*

Agenda Item: Mt. Angel Grant Review

Information/Discussion: The Mt. Angel Heritage Trail will link various cultural features in the city via an urban trail designated by trail markers providing eh historical and directional information for the various community institutions and landmarks located along the trail. As envisioned, trail maps will be displayed on a series of markers to provide visitors with information about each cultural heritage site and its connection to the Mt. Angel community and history. The walk will be a circular loop through the city, along already improved and safe pedestrian routes with sidewalks.

Mt Angel Average Score: 85.3

- + Generates tourism
- + Tourism is traded sector job
- + Brilliant idea, hopes it can be executed prior to Oktoberfest.
- + Builds up the community
- + Creates local interest

Action: *Levin brought forth a motion to approve Mt Angel’s grant request for the full amount requested of \$15,000. Rasmussen seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved. Cummins opposed.*

Agenda Item: Salem Police Foundation Grant Review

Information/Discussion: Purchase of Rescue Gator, all terrain off-road transport, for Salem Police and Salem Fire emergency use at Willamette River Parks Complex (Riverfront, Wallace Marine and Minto Brown Island.) The Gator will include safety light/siren package, specialized medical equipment and an AED. It will also accommodate a stretcher or two officers and a restrained person. The Rescue Gator will improve safety of the community and increase response time to incidents in the 3 parks by first responders.

Salem Police Foundation Average Score: 81.5

- Request would fund half of the cost of the gator
- Purchase of equipment of this sort is not sustainable
- Should pre-plan expenditures, extra toy, not necessary
- Doesn’t fit within economic development
- Question of response time increasing – trailer to load and unload
- Leverage, small amount request
- Kawisaki mules not near \$60,000

Action: *Rasmussen brought forward motion to not approve the grant for Salem Police Foundation. Cummins seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed 7-4.*

Agenda Item: Quarterly Land Use Cases

Information/Discussion: Reich reviewed completed land use cases from October-December 2016. Approvals for a farm stand in St. Paul which is able to operate year round, a farm building insulation business, seed storage warehouse, solar power generating facility, self-storage warehouse business, contractor’s warehouse business, of which all are located in Salem and an auto dealer business in Aumsville. There was also approval

of a zoning change on a 0.79 parcel located on Lancaster Drive. Reich also explained some of these approvals were approved with conditional uses.

Action: None

Agenda Item: New Business, Comments and Closing

Information/Discussion: Cameron discussed Detroit Lake Tour for July 12, 2017; the group will be touring Kane's Marina, Detroit Lake Marina and Sportsman's Marina (non-profit). Cameron will be checking into the Sheriff's office providing a boat for the tour as well as Kane's marina donating a pontoon boat to accommodate large group. The tour will commence with dinner hosted by Commissioner Cameron. Cameron also provided update on, Economic Development Coordinator, Tom Hogue; Tom will start June 19th, 2017 and exited to have him on board. Cameron will also extend invite to Tom regarding tour.

Action: None

Meeting Adjourn: 4:20

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