

Marion County Economic Development Advisory Board
May, 09, 2018 Meeting Minutes
555 Court St NE, 5th Floor Salem, OR

	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	%
Nate Brown	P	A	-	P	-	P	-	-	P	-	A	P	71%
Kevin Cameron	P	P	-	A	-	P	-	-	P	-	P	P	86%
Tom Chambers	A	P	-	A	-	P	-	-	A	-	A	A	29%
Bill Cummins	P	P	-	A	-	P	-	-	A	-	P	P	71%
Chad Freeman	A	A	-	P	-	A	-	-	P	-	P	P	57%
Lesa Goff	P	P	-	P	-	A	-	-	A	-	P	A	57%
Jose Gonzalez	A	A	-	A	-	A	-	-	A	-	A	A	0%
Bob Hill	A	P	-	P	-	P	-	-	P	-	A	A	43%
Jay Kemble	P	A	-	A	-	P	-	-	A	-	A	P	43%
Nate Levin	P	A	-	A	-	P	-	-	P	-	P	P	71%
Allison McKenzie	A	A	-	P	-	P	-	-	P	-	P	C	57%
Angie Onyewuchi	P	A	-	P	-	A	-	-	P	-	P	P	71%
AJ Nash	P	P	-	P	-	P	-	-	P	-	P	P	100%
Jim Rasmussen	P	P	-	P	-	S	-	-	A	-	A	A	43%
Dave Tibbets	P	A	-	P	-	P	-	-	P	-	A	A	57%
Ian Tolleson	A	P	-	P	-	A	-	-	A	-	A	A	29%
Renata Wakeley	A	P	-	A	-	A	-	-	P	-	P	P	57%
Wendy Veliz	A	A	-	A	-	P	-	-	A	-	A	P	29%

Staff and Guests Present: Tamra Goettsch, Tom Hogue, Dennie Houle, James LaBar, and Sarah Spinks.

Agenda Item: Welcome, Introductions & Announcements

Information/Discussion: Onyewuchi welcomed the group and asked for self-introductions.

Action: None.

Agenda Item: April Minutes

Information/Discussion: Spinks requested input from members on the April minutes, due to an error with the recorder, there was no audio of the meeting and written notes were not complete. No input was provided from members. Onyewuchi noted that the February minutes were not approved due to a lack of quorum at the April meeting but since the minutes were not included in the packet and available for review action would be deferred to the next meeting.

Action: None.

Agenda Item: EDAB Survey & Next Steps

Information/Discussion: Hogue thanked members for providing feedback via the board survey and noted that valuable input was given so he wanted to continue the discussion of next steps with the group. Onyewuchi requested input from members and posed the question of whether EDAB was still relevant. Discussion was held and general consensus of the group was that there needed to be some adjustment to the operational structure of the board but that there is still value to be gained from convening a group like EDAB. Brown shared that he believes the work of the board needed to be elevated beyond grant reviews and that the groups time is better spent weighing in on strategic issues and setting priorities. He felt the staff is competent enough to provide the review and recommendations on grant proposals to EDAB for vote. Freeman stated that he believes it is important to bring together representatives of various sectors to discuss issues relevant to economic development and there is value to be had from it. LaBar stated that it would be a disappointment to see this group go away as it is something that he points to that Marion County is doing differently than other communities and it adds a level of sophistication to the work being done around economic development; he hopes to continue to be able to point to this group as an example to others well into the future. McKenzie noted that she is open to whichever direction the group decides to go and that she enjoys participating in the board, and thinks others find it to be of value as well. Hogue acknowledge the sentiment in the room and stated that staff would continue

to explore models to bring forward as to what EDAB may look like in the future; he may engage a facilitator to help reinvent EDAB or form small work groups to come up with recommendations.

Action: NONE

Agenda Item: Grant Reviews

Information/Discussion: Nine members provided scores on the grant proposals. Nash brought forward a motion to approve five of the Community Project Grant Proposals and Onyewuchi called for discussion. Concerns were raised regarding Silverton's proposal due to prior site plans that were developed for the Petitt property not being successful. The group agreed that additional information should be obtained regarding prior site plans, the outcomes of those plans, and information on the city's contribution to the current project; the proposal was deferred for further review in June. There was general disagreement among members on the qualifications of the St. Paul School District and Jefferson School District proposals. Wakeley suggested that a letter of support be requested from a council member from Jefferson and that St. Paul provide a letter of support as well in order to be compliant with the application requirements. Members agreed the information would be helpful and deferred review to the next month's meeting. The Business Development Grant proposal was introduced; Freeman noted that SEDCOR had been working with the company for almost a year. The company originally planned to stay in Newburg but time was a factor and they needed to find a building as soon as possible and they found one in Salem. Cummins says that the company would be a good addition to the area. No concerns were expressed and all members were in favor of the award.

Action: Nash brought forth a motion for approval of the grant proposals for the cities of Aumsville, Mt. Angel, Turner, and Woodburn at the amounts requested and to defer the proposal from Silverton until additional information is obtained. Cummins seconded the motion; the motion was voted for and approved unanimously.

Action: Cameron makes motion to approve grant request for Metal-tech Cage, LCC. Cummins seconds motion. The motion was voted for and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 5:00 PM