

Whitefield Economic Development Corporation

WEDC August Minutes

The WEDC meeting was called to order at 6:30PM on August 15, 2018. Present were Bob Stiles, Sandy Holz, Stan Holz, Gerry Pons, Beth Cape, Jared Cape, Roxie Severence, Lisa & Jim Cavanaugh, Rick Wright and Cory Pons. Bob DeAngelis, Mike Scala of Coos Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) and Michelle Moren-Gray of North Country Council (NCC) were present as guests.

The first presentation was made by Michelle Moren-Gray of NCC. The presentation highlighted the types of funding that might be available for the Downtown Whitefield Project. The funding that may be available included public and private financing along with grants which may be applied to funding various aspects of the Downtown Whitefield Project. Michelle suggested that the Master Plan might be useful as a guide for developing an overall strategy. Michelle discussed various grants that may be available and those grants might be used for different aspects of the project, such as feasibility study, design services, parking; etc. Michelle offered to help in developing the overall plan and strategy. She said she could be most helpful if she was included in all phases of the ongoing project. It is important that she work with CEDC during the development process as NCC services will complement the needs and requirements of CEDC in assembling the total package.

The second presentation was made by Bob DeAngelis, Board President and Mike Scala, Executive Director of CEDC. Bob presented a brief history of CEDC; who they are and what they do. Bob then gave a history of the Downtown Whitefield Project and how CEDC would manage this project at the request of WEDC. Bob laid out a tentative time frame for milestones of the project. Some of the most important

dates are: grant applications will start in January of 2019, success and awards of grants will be announced in July/August 2019 and funds if awarded, will be available Nov/Dec.

Bob discussed the extreme importance of continual communication between the Town, WEDC, NCC, and CEDC. Bob provided a copy of his presentation which is available upon request to Gerry.

It is imperative that information regarding this project be managed by CEDC and WEDC. The story needs to be consistent and positive. Any requests for information should be referred to WEDC's President to insure a consistent message.

A motion was made by Roxie Severence to adjourn at 8:10PM and seconded by Rick Wright.

Next meeting is September 19, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Pons/Secretary