

Town of Eliot

Business Development Committee-Meeting Minutes-February 24, 2010

Present: John Chagnon, Craig Goss, Russ McMullen, Kristin McMullen-Orr, Dwight Snow, Doug Keith

Call to order: John Chagnon-4:40pm

Public Comment: none

Review of Agenda: Agreed upon.

Review of Minutes: January 27th, meeting minutes reviewed. Motion to accept; Kristin Orr; Russ M. 2nd; all approved.

Eliot Business Showcase (April 2010): Kristin reported on updated registration numbers for the business showcase. We are up to 11 registrations with checks. 10 @\$35 and 1@\$55, total \$405 collected. Dozens more have given indication they are planning on participating, but have not yet sent in the required registration form and check.

We have zero (0) food related businesses signed up, so we may need to leave out the planned food court for this 1st of its kind event. Kristin reiterated our previous consensus that 20 businesses would need to be paid in full by the March 10th event deadline in order to move forward with the event.

A conversation was begun on the need to start advertising the event to the public. More details will be discussed at the 3/24/2010 meeting.

Business Registration ordinance: Kristin McMullen-Orr attended a BOS meeting of which the Business Registration Ordinance was on the agenda. Kristin reported the BOS discussed the merits of an ordinance, rather than the two versions we had been asked to comment on. After a vote (4 to 1 in favor), the BOS requested the BDC rewrite the preferred version of the ordinance and resubmit.

The committee is now being asked for our input on the rewrite of this proposed ordinance. To this end Kristin has said she will send an update of the proposed rewrite to each of us for our review and comment.

Garmin (Locators) Eliot Address Issue: A discussion was started on the issue of Eliot addresses on navigation systems. Since Eliot's 911 renumbering 6-7 years ago, addresses have not been updated in systems like Garmin, MapQuest, etc. The question becomes who do we talk to? The committee determined it should advise the BOS to direct an employee to find out who and how to get this corrected.

The committee agrees that a letter to the BOS should be written asking them to delegate an individual to research and start the process of correcting this issue that affects all residents and businesses in Eliot. Chairman Chagnon agrees to write the letter and forward to BOS.

Building Height (Proposed Ordinance change): The committee has not heard back from the Fire Chief. A March 3rd meeting of the Eliot planning board is up coming and this item is being discussed. Chairman Chagnon agrees to attend that meeting. An update will be forthcoming.

Committee Budget: Chairman Chagnon prepared and presented two budgets for our review. One includes monies for a second welcome to Eliot sign, the other does not. Discussion ensued. A motion is made by Russ M. to move forward with the budget that includes the second sign. It is 2nd by Doug Keith. All approve.

Committee Direction (Meet with BOS): A letter was passed around for review by Chairman John Chagnon. The letter was a request by the committee to be placed on the agenda for guidance on committee direction. In the course of discussion it was recommended that a deadline be set to meet with them and added to the letter.

Eliot Business after hours: Next event May 5th. Nothing new to report.

Sign Project: Chairman Chagnon will give us an update at the March 24th meeting on when we can plan on this sign being complete and ready for instillation.

Business Development: Nothing to report.

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting: March 24th, 4:30pm Eliot Town Hall

Adjourned: 6:34pm