

Morrow County Citizens Economic Development Task Force  
Meeting Notes for March 7, 2017  
Bartholomew Building  
Heppner, Oregon

Attendees: Sheryll Bates, Janette Eldrige, Kymberli Erevia, Cody High, Melissa Lindsay, Carla McLane, Don Russell

The meeting started at approximately 9:08 a.m. Meeting minutes for February 7, 2017 were reviewed and accepted without changes.

PSU will be attending via phone regarding estimate and forecasting piece for land use at the May 2 meeting. Questions group discussed include "how does PSU census match the Census Bureau?" "How have the recent annexes effected studies?" The PSU piece will begin at 10 a.m., Charles Rynerson, Risa Proehl and Jason Jurjevich will participate.

Housing as Economic Development was discussed with regard to Goal 9 Economic Development, and Goal 10 Housing. Carla hopes to have more information regarding cost for buildable lands inventory next month.

Commissioner Lindsay engaged a discussion regarding statutes and representatives for Local Public Safety Coordinating Council; the group has recently hired new paid coordinator. New coordinator gives group an opportunity for grant writing. Looking to appoint new people due to attrition. Carry over to next month, will have bylaws available for review; City needs to appoint representatives and their alternatives. Next MCCEDTF meeting notice will invite cities for consideration at council prior to next MCCEDTF in order to cover this topic next meeting.

Community Reports:

Don: Some Happenings: Boardman Tuscan sub starting new houses, and so is the sub around Mt. Adams street; not sure status of large apartment complex on Columbia; work force training center nearing completion; recreation center still under construction; early deadline of June 9 pushed back, but still hope June timeframe; new hotels still coming; group purchasing property by SAGE has completed purchase; also one property sale for development by Subway; River Lodge is contemplating expansion; POM still have more projects in consideration; MCGG looking at rail stop at old Cargill.

Sheryll: Looking a property with no value to maybe demolish houses not avail for usage, convert for new housing; opening community enhancement grants for south Morrow County - April 14th deadline for requests; looking for places for new forest service employees; not at capacity for water-sewer; getting water to locations is the issue; POM has helped areas in past so long as it's not for a personal gain for someone but rather community gain; Saint Patrick's Day event is next weekend, with new main entertainment. Picking up old games, etc. Jim Farley would have been 100 yrs. old today, he is founder. Sheep dog trials here a true test for dogs, huge interest; Harlem Ambassadors money from MCURD, free admin. April 27<sup>th</sup> at High School.

Janette: Mayor resigned at last council meeting as did the maintenance person; Council is sharing position of mayor until further notice, need to appoint due to term; council voted for Wilbur Fletcher to do the tank lining which will start next year. Janette is doing the well readings and samples until further notice. Cody will talk to Heppner maintenance to see if they can help.

Cody: Heppner has a new house being built in the subdivision above the Dam; working on sewer project; met with Public Works and City Manager last month, should be going in near future; meeting with ODOT rep today to

go over TSP, then will apply for grants for street repair; Edie Ball is the new City Manager, hoping for meet & greet when she comes on board. (contact info will remain).

Carla: NHMP FEMA acknowledgement letters received, will be sent to each locale for fully acknowledge plan, and get Spring meeting invitation out later this month or first next month; this meeting and MEAC getting more follow thru now with more staff at Morrow County Planning Department; MEAC has set regular meeting date on 3rd Thursday each month., can provide this group with their meeting schedule; MEAC has continued interest in area, members desire to retain group, especially about depot transition for land use, etc.; Range Air Installation Community Use Zoning (RAICUZ), how it effects mc and adjacent counties; Most military activity in future will be on the Morrow County side, this forum place for accountability for military. PC had conversation about full implementation of model code work in progress for resource zones (F&F), missing piece is decision types for local codes, quorum supported amendment to incorporate those decision types with adequate public procedures ie. notices etc.; Planning staff (Carla) working with road department for TSP changes in short term appendix B project list; working with parks to update bylaws and membership to parks committee and master plan; then making sure overlay zone meets needs for parks, and OHV work to authorize activities already there and new travel/guest accommodations; agritourism meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon at Hermiston; Land Use Planning (LUP) incorporating all agritourism options into new farm code; will be able to fully permit new agritourism under the LUP options; County planning has set strict perimeters for use of RV's, it is not a residence; authorized RV on forest lands for seasonal with rural address; through legislation others want to allow accessory dwelling units on primary dwelling property; trying to make them eligible on any rural residential and farm; additional legislature promoting RV as residential on regular city lot; how will this impact agritourism usage is it applicable with another set of standards? How do we get to yes without losing existing provisions? Where is the balance between life and tourism?

Next meeting April 4, 2017 in North County tentatively Boardman. Need to discuss potential dates if possible, maybe Thursday's instead of Tuesdays – next month topic for brainstorm with visual calendar.

Adjourned: 10:52.