



MEETING: Economic Development Advisory Meeting

DATE: Tuesday **February 14, 2023, 4:30 PM**

LOCATION: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82985332155>

MINUTES

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
- 2) Approval of January 31, 2023 Minutes
- 3) City Update – Jordon Bennett
 - a. Update on Electrical Upgrade Project
 - i. Bennett comments that there is not too much to add regarding the electric upgrade. He says that forty-five homes will be going into Windsong II.
- 4) Economic Development Updates
 - a. Flex 5 – Olga Kaganova
 - i. Certificate of Occupancy is going to be issued next week.
 - b. Harvey Parking Lot – Olga Kaganova
 - i. GM Kaganova informs that the City initially required the Port to provide a bond, however they have now agreed to put the bond on the contractor rather than the Port. Construction will hopefully start during the first part of April. She ends by adding that the Port is continuing to look for funding for the parking lot.
 - c. Gorge Canoe Club Lease – Olga Kaganova
 - i. GM Kaganova states that there is nothing to present regarding GCC at this time.
 - d. Ixtapa – Olga Kaganova
 - i. GM Kaganova mentions that Ixtapa had an architect look at the building but there is nothing solid to present, yet.
 - e. Flex 6 – Olga Kaganova
 - i. GM Kaganova informs that the RoundHouse MOU was accepted by the Commission and that both parties are committed to getting the development up in both Flex 6 and the property on the eastside. VP Lorang asks about the \$2.4M from the state and feels that it should not be used towards electrical upgrade but for something that will bring the Port revenue in the future.
 - f. Blues, Brews and Barbecues – Jeremiah Blue
 - i. OM Blue states that there is an opportunity to form a connection with a well-established event by providing an area for overflow camping for tent-camping and RV-camping in the Business Park. He says that a parking plan should be coming together soon, along with a dumpster location plan and emergency plan. He will also be approaching the City for permitting. VP Lorang asks if it is essentially overflow parking. OM Blue

states that it would be a great opportunity to experience how to throw events of equal size, here in Cascade Locks, that would bring that sort of tourism to our neck of the woods but confirms, that at this point, it would essentially be overflow. VP Lorang comments that with parking, you get problems. OM Blue emphasizes that he is more excited about the opportunity. GM Kaganova also adds that a benefit would be that the event does not start until 4:00 in the afternoon, requiring campers to visit the local restaurants and market in Cascade Locks for food. P Groves comments that his concern would be fire. OM Blue states that the condition for "No Open Flames" would definitely be in the contract. He is not sure if signs are posted as strongly in Business Park. VP Lorang inquires if there will be enforcement. OM Blue replies that it will be in the contract.

5) Legislative Projects

- a.** Mark Johnson is absent. GM Kaganova reiterates from last meeting that Gorgeous Night is in Salem tomorrow and the bridge continues to be our priority with the \$6M ask from both states. She also reminds that Mission to DC is being held in the second-half of March.

6) Agenda items for next EDSC meeting

- a.** Charge document for Committee to comply with Port Commission policies.

7) Next Meeting: Monday, February 27th, 2023

8) Adjournment 5:00 pm