

MEETING: EDSC Sub-Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday January 31, 2023, 4:30 PM

PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS LOCATION: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82985332155

## **MINUTES**

1) Meeting Called to Order

- 2) City Update City Administrator Jordon Bennett
  - **a.** Update on Electrical Upgrade Project
    - **i.** Bennett states that there has not been too many updates and no new news since last meeting.
- 3) Economic Development Updates
  - a. Flex 5 and Harvey Road Darrin Eckman
    - i. Eckman informs that Flex 5 is proceeding well, most of the insulation should be completed by, if not finished by early next week; Subcontractors (HVAC, fire suppression, etc) are onsite and are projected to be done at the end of next week, maybe the following week. He has received comments from the City Engineer on the Harvey Road project, which included revising plans for the stormwater management, fees and documents to sign. The installation of the comfort station has been postponed until additional funding can be acquired. Eckman says that once the response from the City is received, he can advertise for bids, possibly the following week after next. Johnson asks if a date for ground-breaking can be estimated. Eckman replies, once he receives the City's response and contractors are given three to four weeks to get a bid together, maybe April 1st.
  - **b.** Beau Turner Business Park Property Proposal
    - i. GM recaps that, during the last meeting, Beau Turner responded back to some of the questions the committee had and addressed the concern with sound and electrical rates. She would now like to get a sense of how the committee now feels about the project. VP Lorang asks if they were to come in and RoundHouse was also approved, would they have the electrical ability to provide for both. Johnson replies that he does not think so. VP Lorang states that his concern is whether the City will have enough power to support both business. He then asks about the status of the negotiations with RoundHouse. GM replies that RoundHouse has a MOU for the Commission to consider, and also adds that the Port is asking RoundHouse to begin their lease on March 1st, however RoundHouse is asking for April 1st. She will let Johnson address the issue on CPACE. Johnson replies that CPACE will not happen prior to the execution of the MOU and that the CPACE process is now in the hands of [Hood River] county and will be considered on February 21st. VP Lorang

feels that [the Port] is not in the position to make any kind of offer to this other company. Peterson responds that at \$3,000 a month, he feels that there could be better uses for the property such as rentals or food cart options for the people who work on the westside of town. VP Lorang agrees that it's not the highest or best use for that piece of property which has some real potential.

- **c.** Visitor Center / Ixtapa
  - **i.** GM informs that Johnson has set up a meeting with Ixtapa and that the Port has been looking into getting the café cleaned and rehabilitated. She updates that the Sternwheeler will be leaving, beginning of March and will not be expected to be back until March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Agenda Items for Next EDSC Meeting
  - a. Gorge Canoe Club lease
  - **b.** Ixtapa
  - **c.** Flex 6 (RoundHouse) if MOU is executed
- **5)** Next Meeting: Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- **6)** Adjournment 5:02pm