

Minutes
City of Brookings
Economic Development Committee (EDC)
Council Chambers 898 Elk Drive October 14, 2004 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dave Gordon at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

The following committee members were in attendance at the meeting: Dave Gordon, Frances Johns Kern, David Freeman, Toni Mefford, Dorothy Garvin, Chris Nichols, Rick Bishop, Peggy Goergen, Don Mitchell, and Jeremy McVeety. City staff in attendance were: Economic and Urban Development Director Ed Wait, Assistant Planner Dianne Snow and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker.

III. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

A. Minutes of September 9, 2004

Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and by voice vote the committee approved the minutes of the September 9, 2004, meeting.

IV. Addition of items to agenda if needed

A. Mitchell wanted a discussion on his letter regarding the economics of housing in Brookings that was printed as a forum article in the Curry Coastal Pilot. He said he originally sent the letter to the Pilot under his signature as an individual. The Pilot printed the letter in the forum section indicating Mitchell was a member of the Economic Development Committee which gave the appearance the letter was a statement by the Committee. Mitchell wondered how the Committee wanted to handle the situation.

After some discussion it was decided to proceed with the printed agenda and revisit this item after the Scheduled Appearances.

V. Scheduled Appearances

A. Brookings Parks and Recreation Commission

Chair Bill Boynton Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Bill Boynton gave a report on City parks and items of current interest pertaining to each park. A copy of his report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

B. Steve Kridelbaugh, President, SWOCC

Goergen reported that Kridelbaugh was unable to attend this meeting due to other commitments and he will reschedule for a time after the New Year.

C. Cecelia Worlton-visions of downtown

Business Owner Worlton presented her vision for the downtown area recalling that a nautical theme had been recommended at one time but little was done to enforce the standards. She said the new building for her business follows a country rustic lodge theme and has drawn many appreciate comments. Discussion centered on the town of Sisters, Oregon, and how their theme encourages people to stop in the downtown area. The Committee thanked Worlton for her comments and will look into a theme for the area at a later date.

VI. Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

At this time the Committee decided to treat Mitchell's letter to the Pilot as a learning lesson. The Committee noted that when talking to any media, members should make it clear that views are personal, not representing the Committee's position.

VII. Staff Reports/Updates/Information

A. *Dianne Snow, Assistant Planner*

1. *Update on upcoming Friends of Trees meeting—changed from October 14 to October 28, 7:00 p.m. in Chetco Community Library*

After briefing the Committee on the new meeting date, Snow said she will relay the need for parks' volunteers to the Friends of Trees meeting attendees.

B. *Ed Wait, Economic and Urban Development Director*

1. *Update on ODOT discussions*

Wait said U.S. Borax has a team of engineers in town who are beginning to work on the design phase of their project.

ODOT will have a comment period open to the public in November to review the Environment Analysis for the redesign of Hwy 101. The Bankus Fountain is an issue in both alternatives of the redesign.

The Hwy 101 reconstruction and repaving project from Thomas Creek Bridge to north of the city limits is about three weeks from completion. Freeman said it is more like two months due to a wall that needs to be constructed near Whaleshead.

Wait answered questions from the Committee regarding the City's waterline-sewerline replacement project along Chetco Avenue and the new 20 mph speed zone on Hwy 101 near the Church of the Nazarene.

Wait said ODOT is nearly 90% complete in its plan for the downtown reconstruction of Chetco Avenue. Issues remaining are undergrounding the utilities; street lights; sidewalks; and signage. ODOT said during construction one-half of the highway will be open at all times. ODOT will present their strategy for phasing the project soon.

2. *Other*
None

VIII. Sub-committee Reports

A. *Downtown Subcommittee*

1. *Toni Mefford—report on Planning Commission meeting regarding Downtown Business District*

Mefford said the change to the Land Development Code to add a new Downtown Business District zone has been presented to the Planning Commission. Their meeting was continued to October 19 to allow the Commissioners more time to study the materials. The proposed new zone is scheduled to go to the City Council on October 25.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business
None

XI. General Discussion/Committee Comments

Goergen asked about the eyesore at the old Green Door restaurant building location. Wait spoke on City efforts to get this area cleaned up. Gordon said Goergen's comments have been echoed by many in the community.

There was discussion on adult bookstore and adult theaters. Also discussed was the possibility of attracting cruise lines to stop in Brookings by reactivating the deep water port off Chetco Point. This will be discussed at a later date.

XII. Work Items for next or future meetings

Wait suggested that the committee engage in projects. It was decided the next meeting will concentrate on prioritizing the top economic concerns developed by the committee at their July 8, 2004, meeting.

Goergen said SWOCC's current leadership class needs a community-wide project.

Mitchell suggested a work session on the economic impact of homebuilding on a community. Copies of the document *The Local Impact of Homebuilding in Average City, USA* will be distributed to the Committee.

XIII. Next Meeting Date

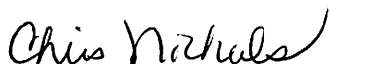
The next meeting is schedule for November 18, 2004, one week later than normal due to Veterans' Day on the 11th.

XIV. Summary of action items
None

XV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted


Chris Nichols
Secretary