



Clackamas County Economic Development
Commission
Meeting Minutes, June 23, 2021

Members Present: Vance Tong, Alissa Mahar, William Gifford, Peter Lund, Shannon Illas, Jeff Gudman, Jodi Bailey, Michael Telford, Kimo Rosa, Carol Paulie, Peter Lund, John LaMotte, Laura Edmonds, Stacia Hernandez

Members Absent:

Liaisons Present: Lynn Wallis

County Commissioner Liaison Present: County Commissioner Paul Savas

County Commissioner Liaison Absent: County Commissioner Martha Schrader

Staff Present: Corina Copeland, Jon Legarza

Guests Present: Mike Bondi, Research Center Director, OSU College of Agriculture, North Willamette Research and Extension Center

Valerie Chapman, Park Avenue Citizen

Call to Order

Chair Vance Tong called the meeting to order

Citizen Input

Park Ave Project

Guest: Valerie Chapman, Chair of the Park Avenue Community Advisory Committee.

- Valerie shared that this topic went to the BCC on June 22nd, 2021. There was a 4 to 1 vote to stop the project.
- Valerie shared that MapIt was informed of the Park Avenue project the entire time but that during the COVID pandemic Jennings Lodge CPO, Oakgrove CPO and MapIt were struggling to keep attendance; the MapIt team met and decided to put the MapIt membership on hiatus until August.
- Valerie shared that a few weeks ago the Oakgrove Board was surprised to hear that the decision to go on hiatus would result in stopping the Park Avenue project. She stated that she had been contacted by one of the Commissioners to see if they would come back to the table and come to a consensus as if MapIt were represented to help create part of the plan.
- Valerie stated that her area has no leadership and is very frustrated.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Savas:

- County moved into low risk category and waiting for the Governor to lift all restrictions.
- COVID has crippled our communication but fortunately we have Zoom, in person meetings, live streaming and encourages folks to continue to participate via one of these platforms. He is optimistic that community involvement will be back up and close to normal soon.
- A week ago Tuesday the Board approved the Planning Commission a housing strategy recommendation increase densities and housing bonuses to create opportunities along 82nd Avenue and Mcloughlin Blvd where C3 is a prominent zoning.
- We are preparing for the upcoming heat wave and working to manage the active forest fires.
- Recovery for businesses is the top priority of the BCC. Grateful the Chambers are actively engaged.

- Has a different perspective regarding the Boards recommendations for Park Avenue than Ms. Chapmans but he is optimistic that the committee will come together.
- Supportive housing measure is clipping away. The 26-210 measure, ended up having an unfortunate error in that forecast. Commissioners have tried to maintain the housing assistance they have to offer. Metro has offered the County a \$5 million dollar loan. Commissioner Savas remains very optimistic. He appreciates all our patience and fortitude.

County Updates

- Meeting minutes from the May 26, were approved.
- Jon Legarza shared that Round 5 of business assistance grants opened up last week. To date 300 applicants have been received and the application period closes tomorrow, June 23, 2021. The BRC's have received additional funding to operate until September 30, 2021. Round 6 monies will need to be deployed by December 31, 2021. He also mentioned that we provided a grant to CCC in the amount of \$100,000 for up to 48 students to use as well as working on a Utility Payment Program for businesses.
 - Commissioner Savas asked how much is eligible and being given to Non-Profits. Jon said that the first 4 rounds of grants included Non-Profits.
- Jon Legarza provided a CLT update to share that Suater is working on a plan to submit to the City of Estacada.

OSU/NW Rec Presentation

- Mike Bondi provided a presentation to the EDC about agricultural resources in the County.

Partner Updates

- Lynn provided updates on employment data to members.

Good of the Order

- William Gifford asked Commissioner Savas if other Counties are dealing with the chlorine shortage
 - Commissioner Savas responded yes, it is national issue but we are in a pretty good place. Once we heard rumors of the chlorine shortage we got ahead of that and we are in a good place
- Lynn Wallis asked Commissioner Savas if there is a list of where the cooling centers are.
 - Commissioner Savas responded not yet, I know staff is scrambling now to get one out. Working on that in the business meeting tomorrow and will make sure to post tomorrow.
- Laura Edmonds thanked Commissioner Savas for the positive vote to support the BRC's. Then asked him when you talk about the metro forecast of \$24 million, that is a far stretch from \$150,000; why was that so far off? Secondly, the \$5 million loan Metro offered, what is the rate of that?
 - Commissioner Savas responded that the loan rate is .6%. He is not sure exactly why this happened.

VIII. Adjourn

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: July 28th, 2021—Zoom Webinar, 7:30 AM