

**CITY OF SUTHERLIN
PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP
COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM – 7PM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: John Lusby, Patricia Klassen, Mike Flick, Adam Sarnoski, Floyd Van Sickle and Michelle Sumner

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: Karlene Clark

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF: Jerry Gillham, City Manager, Vicki Luther, Community Development Director and Kristi Gilbert, Community Development Specialist

AUDIENCE: Denny and Pam Cameron, Frank and Bertha Egbert and John Klassen

Workshop called to order at 7:08 pm by Chair Lusby.

Gillham briefed the Commission on the status of the Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA) and the subsequent work and role of the Planning Commission. He indicated that now that the economists and engineers have provided their expertise, there are two follow-up actions.

We have asked the consultant team to give us a cost for producing specialized market data and recruiting tools/materials that we could, in turn, use to go after new development interest on the Exit 136 lands (Site #19A in EOA). We are seeking funds from the Douglas County Industrial Development Board (DCIDB) to help pay for this additional work. If we are able to obtain the funding, we would like to share the concepts with the Commission and receive ideas and input in the final product.

Gillham then introduced a draft Sutherlin Economic Development Plan (SEDP). He expressed that this could be the driving force of hopeful action, using the EOA as the basis, for further economic development opportunities. Gillham noted that there was potential to revisit the possibilities of having a spec building on the County property on Taylor Road.

Commissioner Klassen indicated that the City needs to keep moving forward with the Economic Development.

Commissioner Sarnoski indicated that he felt the SEDP would help keep the process moving.

Commissioner Sumner indicated that we need a step by step plan to get to where we need to be.

Commissioner Van Sickle expressed concerns with the process of building a spec building and then looking for someone to lease it.

Gillham asked for three volunteer Commissioners to work with Gilbert on creating or refining the draft SEDP. Commissioners Klassen and Sarnoski volunteered and by consensus of the commission, Commissioner Clark was appointed to the group. Gillham indicated that he would like to have the SEDP completed within the next six to eight months. Gilbert will coordinate the meetings and provide updates to the Commission on Economic Development.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the workshop was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Gilbert

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APPROVED BY COMMISSION ON THE 17th **DAY OF** March, **2015**

John Lusby

John Lusby, Commission Chair