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RAINIER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (**REDCO**)
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Meeting called to order at 5:43pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Ralph Painter

Mike Avent, Chairman

Terry Deaton

Sloan Nelson, Vice Chairman

David Qualman

Council Absent

Terry Grice, Treasurer

Tim Navarro

Others Present

Chad Olsen, City of Rainier Administrator; Cindy Siekierka, City of Rainier Clerk; Linda Howard, Senior Center Manager; Lee Knowlton, 911; Jan Spika Kenna, Kathy Jepson, Steve McGee, Kathy McGee, Mary McArthur, Marty Sprinzel, Crystal Boothe, Dennie Houle, Janet Wright

Visitors Comments

None

Unfinished Business

Rainier Senior Center: Community Grant Application

Howard requested \$5000.00 to assist in the purchase of a new transportation van for the Senior Center, of which they will provide matching funds. She gave a brief overview of the condition of the current van and commented that volunteers use their own vehicles to deliver Meals on Wheels, purchase supplies and provide transportation of seniors.

Introduction of Speakers: Dennie Houle and Mary McArthur regarding the Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District and Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance. McArthur introduced resources and services available to the county. Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance is the managing entity responsible for the getting lottery dollars to create jobs in the region. Houle gave information about a website called OregonProspectors.com, created to assist businesses find certified properties in Oregon. Northwest Oregon Works Initiative (NOW) was also introduced. Houle commented that Oregon has done a good job at Urban Growth Boundaries stating there is whole range of service available to Columbia County. Handouts regarding these item is in file.

911

Knowlton gave a brief overview of 911's connection to theft and commented that it is appropriate to call 911 regardless if it is in progress or already happened. He said it gets the information into the system and they are able to print reports about locations and provide law enforcement with necessary information to assist in the investigation.

Deaton asked about Neighborhood Watch Programs. Painter responded that programs are not successful unless the involved citizens are willing to police it, since law enforcement does not have the available

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staff. Painter told Deaton he has Neighborhood Watch packets available. State Trooper, Sergeant Larry Lucas said that the State of Oregon Police and Columbia County Law Enforcement works very well

together and reinforced that it is important to report crimes to C-Com. Columbia County Under Sheriff, Jerry Simmons expressed how much Law Enforcement is understaffed and that there are times when no Sheriff Deputies are on duty. Avent commented that it's a good point for the levy and suggested a future meeting to entice a watch group.

Approval of August 24th, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Qualman, 2nd by Painter.
Motion passed.

Monthly approval report: August 2006

Motioned by Avent, 2nd by Qualman
Motioned passed.

Dr. James Tyack: Community Grant Application

Olsen gave a brief overview of Dr. Tyack's request for two additional benches in the Skate Park. Tyack will pay 50% of the purchase and requested that a plaque be attached with his Dental Group name. Avent commented that the plaque also include REDCO's name or an additional plaque. Olsen handed out a flyer with similar benches and purchase prices. Council questioned the prices of the benches, Olsen reminded them that there are park standards and maybe we should refer this back to the Park Advisory Committee.

REDCO/USG Bond Issue: Status Report

Olsen reported the status of the IGA's. Linda, from Attorney Rob Sullivan's office, has been working with Siekierka to tie up loose ends. Northwest Regional ESD did not do a Public Posting of one of their meeting and will be doing that and addressing the IGA at the November meeting. Attorney fees were also discussed.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Update

Bartholomew reported there were 25 signs made and they were going door to door to hand out flyers. They would be meeting at the Methodist Church at 10:00 am October 14th and were looking for volunteers to help and donate money.

First Street Square Update

Qualman stated that one new idea they had was to trade property with the Eagles so the City Square would actually have more riverfront. Parking continues to be an issue. Shirley Bartholomew asked why REDCO was not running the meeting. Olsen stated Bo Nevue of Nevue/Ngan Associates was hired to facilitate the conceptual design of First Street Square including facilitating citizen meetings.

Team 97048

No Bids were received for the bridge.

New Business
REDCO WEBSITE

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Ishii's showed a demo site and said they would charge \$550.00 for the basic site and would charge \$20.00 per hour after that. There would also be a \$7.95 monthly charge. Council discussed REDCO having their own website or using the City of Rainier's website which has a REDCO page. Council will need to come up with a domain name. Deaton said she would be responsible for getting information to the Ishii's for the website. Avent commented that a plan would be very important. Avent asked for an informal vote of the Council present. Avent, Deaton and Nelson voted for it, Qualman against.

Staff Reports

Treasurer's Report for August 2006

Olsen gave an overview of report.

City of Rainier Website Update

Ishii's are finished working on the site. City staff is updating the site themselves and will be doing some training regarding the site.

Future Agenda Items

Agenda items need to be given at least one week in advance.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Mike Avent, Chairperson

Attested:



Cindy Siekierka, City of Rainier Clerk