

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Entiat Valley Economic Development Advisory Board**  
**March 25, 2010**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Entiat Council Chambers----Wade Building**

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**Present:**

Peggy Whitmore, Jackie Shelton, Mike Chambers, John Husselton, Ray Sandidge, Karin Whitehall, Susan Driver, Keith Vradenburg

**Not Present:** Doug McLester (out of town, excused), Greg Becker (out of town, excused), Lance Hansen and Jackie Blanchfield (Hwy97Alt is closed today and absences are related to that closure, excused)

**Business:**

Chair Peggy Whitmore called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Minutes of last meeting**

February 22, 2010, minutes presented. John Husselton moved. Mike Chambers seconded. Motion passed.

**Report from Boards/committees** – none present

**Message from the City Planner**

Dept of Ecology is averaging buffers-which will help Entiat waterfront development. Bob Whitehall is working on waterfront design for permitting which could save a year of permitting. Chelan PUD is becoming recalcitrant about Entiaqua Trail development; WDFW is supporting Entiaqua Trail development. Recap of Congressman Doc Hastings tour of the waterfront development/gravel pit site last month with Keith V, John H, Susan D, Bob W, and from the Chelan County Port Mark Urdahl and Jon Eberly. Doc will work with/support the City in getting federal grants. The mention in the Entiat Leader about a new City Hall/Senior Center is regarding a Commerce Department (CDBG) grant the City may apply for next year.

**Message from the Mayor**

- Resource Conservation Management (Department of Commerce) grant to help public facilities become more energy efficient has been recieved by a consortium of Chelan County mayors, Port Commissioners, Chelan PUD.
- April 17, there will be a DOE meeting on the composting project. There have been a few odor complaints. The compost pile was 160 degrees over the winter.
- Five Chelan County mayors are meeting monthly to discuss/solve mutual situations. Contract with Sherriff's dept has not been signed because the Sherriff wants the City to pay for jail time of people cited within the City limits-misdemeanors will be total time; felonies will be until arraigned (cost is \$85/day Okanogan Co cost is \$50/day). Mayors have been invited to participate in the Chelan County Tri meeting (county commissioners, port commissioners and PUD commissioners). The objective of the Tri group is to coordinate on mutual issues and on messages to legislators. City Park opens May 15.

- City Park has about 75% of the days already full this summer.
- The IT folks have deemed the City's computers not secure enough to process credit cards over the internet. The computer system would need to be updated. City is still investigating.
- Military will be doing parachute water release training in April. New restaurant: 2 Rivers, owner Audi Palmanteer. In addition to 2 Rivers, restaurants in the community are Log Cabin, Coopers Café, Entiat Bakery, Mom's, Rusty's@Shell.

### **Action Items/reports/updates from last meeting**

- 1) Photo contest-Need to firm up categories, dates and dealings. Susan will work with City attorney regarding verbiage for release on the entry form.
- 2) Website-continues to get updates
- 3) Tourism promotion-John suggested making the businesses more visible to travelers and Park People. Investigate signs listing the businesses in town on 97A and Entiat River Road and Park Entrances (what does it take to get signs in these places). John will pursue a kiosk in the park listing businesses and events; perhaps ad space could be rented to defray costs.
- 4) Business/Developer information-State has complete info on the web. City will provide a link from City web site. State info recognizes the value of help from groups like SCORE and community college. City web site should emphasize the value of that help.
- 5) Flyer (revision) Develop a pamphlet for the campgrounds listing businesses with coupons. Also, a welcome packet/basket for new community members. City logo is in the hands of the graphic designer (Jackie S is the council liaison)
- 6) Prize solicitation-waiting for firmer info about contest before soliciting prizes.
- 7) Golf package-update from Lance at April meeting.
- 8) Business appearance-John H. and Mike C. will develop a seminar about growing your business and the importance of appearance and service.

### **New Business/new action items**

- 1) Mike C requested we put some thought in to giving advice or our thoughts to the Planning Board about Mixed Used Zoning and ideas about how to deal with those requests fairly. (Specifically, businesses in residential areas and DOT requirement of 300' between ingress and egress on 97A. USDA revolving loan fund interest is 3%.

**Other/ Good of the Order** - Face of Entiat – Business clean-up & training-  
*Spruce Up! Company's Coming!*

### Next meeting

April 22, 2010

1:00-3:00 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:10.

*Business goes where it is invited,  
stays where it is wanted  
and thrives because it is nurtured. Anonymous*