

Summary

Meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Puget Sound Regional Council Boardroom

Call to Order/Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Economic Development District Board of Directors was called to order at 12:23 p.m. by Councilmember John Chelminiak, President.

Members/Alternates present for all or part of the meeting included:

Councilmember John Chelminiak, Metropolitan Center-Bellevue, President

Commissioner Clare Petrich, Port of Tacoma, Vice President

Mr. David Allen, McKinstry Company

Mr. Tom Flavin, EDC of Seattle-King County / enterpriseSeattle

Councilmember Joshua Freed, Bothell – Other Cities in King County

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County

Councilmember Dave Gossett, Snohomish County

Mr. David Graybill, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Chris Raezer, Arlington – Other Cities in Snohomish County

Mr. Stan Sorscher, SPEEA - Labor Representative

Mr. Bill Stafford, Trade Development Alliance

Mr. Bill Stewart, Kitsap EDA

Members Absent:

Ms. Sue Ambler, Snohomish County Workforce Development Council

Mr. Bob Drewel, PSRC

Councilmember Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribe

Mr. Bruce Kendall, Tacoma/Pierce County EDB

Ms. Deborah Knutson, Snohomish County EDC

Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County

Commissioner Bill Mahan, Port of Bremerton

Executive Pat McCarthy, Pierce County

Ms. Betty Nokes, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Estela Ortega, El Centro de la Raza

Ms. Andrea Rodgers, Snoqualmie Tribe

Mayor Ray Stephanson, Metropolitan Center – Everett

Mr. Larry Williams, WA State Department of Commerce

Councilmember Lauren Walker, Metropolitan Center – Tacoma

A list of guests present for all or part of the meeting is included with the official record of these minutes.

[To watch a video of the meeting go to: http://psrc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=118 (best in IE) or contact the PSRC Information Center, 206-464-7532; e-mail info@psrc.org.]

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments or communications for the board.

President's Report

President Chelminiak reported that at the December 2nd meeting the board dealt with the annual public work process – designed to identify regional projects that have the greatest impact on job creation, economic development and support implementation of the prosperity Partnership's Regional Economic Strategy. Kirkland came out on top, followed by Lakewood and Des Moines. The board also approved an Economic Development District Budget Amendment and Contract Authorization for Aerospace Strategy Assistance, as well as Prosperity Partnership 2010 Action Items. He reminded the group that there will be board elections at the next meeting on March 3rd. The nominating committee currently includes Mayor Ray Stephanson and President Chelminiak. Chelminiak encouraged others to contact staff if they would like to be involved.

President Chelminiak welcomed new board members, including Deputy Mayor Sue Singer of Auburn and Joshua Freed, Councilmember with the City of Bothell.

Director's Report

Bill McSherry updated the Board on the region's participation in the Brookings Institute's Metropolitan Business Plan pilot program. The co-chairs of the project will include Mayor Stephanson of Everett; Phyllis Wise, UW Provost; John Gardner, WSU Vice President for Global Engagement and Economic Development; Phil Bussey, Seattle Chamber of Commerce CEO; and Norm Rice, CEO of the Seattle Foundation. The first meeting of the steering committee will be in mid-February. PSRC will bring on a temporary staff member to help write the business plan that is a part of the project. It will focus specifically on energy efficiency with an eye toward federal policy and investment. There will be a summit in October to review the business plans of all three regional participants, including the Twin Cities, looking at innovation, and Cleveland, looking at entrepreneurship.

Bill reported that there is a new link on the Prosperity Partnership website, to a source on local governments' use of energy efficiency and block grants. The next industry cluster tour will be March 26, looking at the biomedical devices industry in the region. He also mentioned the board elections scheduled for the March meeting and encouraged members who wished to nominate someone, including themselves, to talk to President Chelminiak or himself.

Staff Report

Chris Strow reported that:

- The Global Health Nexus, scheduled for a 2012 event highlighting the region's leadership, will be announced publicly in February, and will be having its first board meeting.
- Regional ARRA coordination – the region has received \$900 million in funding 560 projects directly related to our industry clusters. More information is available on the Prosperity Partnership website.
- Military Cluster members met with the Department of Licensing regarding helping military personnel get commercial drivers licenses. The meeting resolved roadblocks and no legislation will be required.
- The Minority Owned Business Development Project – Performance First – is proceeding on schedule. There have been three meetings to date, and progress helping companies identify supplier diversity baseline and goals. More information is available at performancefirst.org.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Garrido/Gossett) to (a) approve the minutes of the meeting held December 2nd, 2009; and (b) approve Expenses dated November 2009 in the Amount of \$66,385.54. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

8a. Talent migration and Attraction Report (presented by Mike Luis, Luis and Associates)

To listen to the discussion items, please go to the video of the meeting:

http://psrc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=118 (best in Internet Explorer)

8b. Clean Tech Cluster Analysis Update (presented by Joan Chen, PSRC)

http://psrc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=118 (best in Internet Explorer)

8c. Regional Freight Strategy and Transportation 2040 Update (presented by Stephen Kiehl, Sean Ardussi, PSRC) http://psrc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=118 (best in Internet Explorer)

[You may also review slideshows from the discussion items at the PSRC website: <http://psrc.org/about/boards/edd> or contact the PSRC Information Center, 206-464-7532; e-mail info@psrc.org.]

Information Items

President Chelminiak proposed that because he and Vice President Clare Petrich might be traveling and unable to attend the next meeting, Vice Mayor Sue Singer should chair the meeting in the event of their absence. **ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Petrich) that in the event of the absence of both President and Vice President, Deputy Mayor Sue Singer should chair the March 3rd EDD Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Announcements

- Prosperity Partnership Luncheon – was rescheduled to Friday, February 26, 2010
- Next Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, March 3, 2009; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., PSRC Board Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.