

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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This week Jim Jones and I hosted the first meeting of public agency executives to share information and discuss possible future partnerships. A total of seven out of the ten local managers attended the meeting representatives Olympic Medical Center, Port Angeles School District, Port Authority, Clallam Transit, and the City of Sequim. We discussed ways to work together so that the Agencies Working Together (AWT) would again become an active and effective organization. Several ideas were discussed (i.e. cooperative marketing program, partnership on an energy efficiency grant, shared public works equipment program, etc.) We agreed to get back together in January to work out details on these and other cooperative programs. We all agreed that we cannot work in silos and partnerships will play a critical role in our ability to address difficult financial challenges we are all facing,

Another highlight during the week was a tour of LEVX by their President, Jerry Lamb. Jerry and his staff are currently pursuing some major projects and I was impressed with the technology that they have created. This industry, which involves the use of magnetic levitation for transporting freight and people, could be adding some 20-30 jobs in the coming year.

The Port Authority experienced a great turnout for the public meeting on the Airport Master Plan on Thursday evening. Due to the effect that this Plan has on Lincoln Park, there is a lot of interest in the community. City staff had an opportunity to meet with Jeff Robb prior to the meeting to offer some proposed changes to the Master Plan. The Port Authority is planning on finalizing this Plan by the end of the year and is proposing to start a Master Plan on Lincoln Park after the first of the year.

Nathan and I are planning on taking the final AIA study report "on the road" during the next several months to inform the community about this report including specific implementation strategies that are underway. We will also be encouraging partnerships since it is obvious that the recommendations included in this report cannot be accomplished by the City acting on our own. In the next two weeks presentations will be made to the County Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary Club.

This week a City Manager's Coffee was held at Rick's Place that was attended by eight local citizens. Topics discussed included the need to better market the trail system in this area to visitors. Also comments were made about the need to upgrade the area along Front Street since this is a major entryway into the community. Other topics discussed included the future plans for improvement to the High School, future City funding for Harbor Works and promotion of the City during the Winter Olympics.

As a reminder, the Council meeting next week will be held on Wednesday starting with an executive session at 5:30 p.m. We are expecting a large turnout for this meeting due to the budget hearing that is included on the agenda.

Have a great weekend!

-Kent Myers