

## Chehalis Community Renaissance Team (CCRT)

June 9, 2017

### Meeting Notes

Allyn Roe called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The following were present: Jill Anderson, Marcy Anholt, Stacy Davis, Susan Delaire, Bill Deutscher, Chip Duncan, Trevor Elliott, Michele Gallagher, Terry Harris, Flossie Heymann, Larissa Hyatt, Chris Judd, Dan Kay, Tanya Laeger, Mitch Moberg, Allyn Roe, Chris Sampson, Lindsey Senter, Annalee Tobey, Hunter Weeks, and Brian Wilkins.

1. Welcome and Introduction of Guests. Allyn Roe welcomed Dan Kay and Stacy Davis from Lewis County PUD.

#### 2. Partner Updates & News

**City of Chehalis:** City Manager, Jill Anderson, provided current updates for the City. The sex offender house on Franklin Avenue is an ongoing issue. The home is not zoned for congregate use nor were additions to the property permitted through the City. Jill and the Chief of Police have been in conversations with the property owners and the WA State Department of Corrections regarding the zoning issues and citizen concerns. The State has the power to place these individuals and the City is limited to follow the legal process for the zoning violations. She hopes to have more information available next week.

Jill commented on the Flood Valley Brewing Facebook post regarding the City building requirements for a sprinkler system in the building. Jill reassured everyone that the City is very "pro" business. They want business facilities to be safe for the citizens to occupy and they want businesses to come to Chehalis to succeed. The existing fire codes are in place to protect lives and properties. She has spoken to the owner of this business and he has apologized for the post. The City has been working to resolve these issues since May of 2016 and will continue to work with this business towards a safe and positive solution.

Jill attended the opening of the Chehalis Farmers Market and the ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 6. It was a beautiful day and had a great turn out for opening day. A vendor parking issue did come up and thanks to Annalee Tobey, Mitch Moberg and Market Manager, Vicki Meuthing, a solution will be soon available to resolve this vendor parking concern.

Lilly Wall has provided the CCRT members with the 2017 Music in the Park flyers. Lilly will be attending the July CCRT meeting to update everyone on the summer activities in the City.

**Lewis County PUD:** Dan Kay, PUD Manager, gave an update on the changes and future focus of the PUD with the message "Customer Service is not a Department; it is an attitude." The PUD will be more involved with community activities, communications to its customers and outreach in the community. Dan brought a book for Jill Anderson and Annalee Tobey titled *Public Power Chronicle*-a book on the history of public power. In the late 1800's and early 1900's the Columbia River began use as a source for power. Public funds were issued to start building dams to create low-cost reliable energy. The Lewis County PUD was created by a vote of the people in 1936. The PUD provides service to all of Lewis County and small portions of Pacific, Thurston and Pierce Counties. The PUD is a customer owned, not for profit, low-cost and reliable electric power company with local control. The organization is managed by an elected Board of Commissioners (3 Commissioner Positions) that hold public meetings every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend these meetings. The PUD staff will be seen out in the community (local Events, CCRT, LC EDC, Port meetings, etc.) more often in order to communicate and educate customers. They offer ways to help customers with controlling usage and cost savings: Equal Payment Plans, Energy Saving Grants for money to offset costs with water heater rebates and rebates on duck less heat pumps. They are working to create a low-income assistance program in the near future. Dan spoke of the changing times with regulations and deregulation. He also spoke of the very large amount of money paid each year by the PUD to support the local fish habitat. He shared that as community members we need to be advocates for each other. Stacy Davis shared that they have updated the PUD website and it is much more user friendly for information and online bill payments. On Saturday, June 10 the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual LC PUD Fishing Derby will be held at Lake Scanewa in the reservoir behind Cowlitz Falls Dam for youth 14 and under from 9 am to 1 pm. Mayor Pro tem Harris invited Dan Kay and the LC PUD staff to attend the Chehalis Basin Partnership meetings. Larissa Hyatt asked if the PUD has a social media presence (i.e. Facebook page). Dan said that as they cannot provide a staff member to be available to respond to comments, they currently do not have this.

**Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce:** Lindsey Senter reminded everyone of the Hub City Car Show in Centralia on August 26 and shared if you wish to participate you can apply online. They are looking for a low-key band for the car show and for the festival at Recreation Park during the STP layover. They are also looking for a sponsor for the beer garden at the festival. They are in need of 75 volunteers for the STP event on July 15 from 10 am to 5 pm. The shifts can be one hour or more depending on your availability. Larissa Hyatt from Ride the Willapa shared posters for this event on June 24-25. This is a bike ride from Chehalis to Pe Ell with camping available on a first-come, first-serve basis at Rainbow Falls Campground and the Pe Ell football field. Registration for this event is online either on the Chamber website <http://chamberway.com/> or at <http://ridethewillapa.com/>. There will be festival activities at both camping sites. There is a \$4 additional fee at Rainbow Falls to include a cookout dinner and breakfast and if you only want to camp and not participate in the bike ride you will need a Discover Pass to park at the state campground.

**Veterans Memorial Museum:** Chip Duncan gave an update on upcoming events at the Veterans Memorial Museum. The Civil War Historical reenactment will be held on July 15, 10 am-5 pm and July 16, 10 am – 3 pm, at 313 Tune Rd. They also have Taya Kyle (wife of *American Sniper*, Chris Kyle) scheduled for a "meet n greet" on July 29, 2017 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 p.m. with a speaker presentation at 6:00 pm during the Desert War Veterans Day event. On September 3, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, The Rust or Shine car show will be held at the museum.

**Executive Director:** Annalee Tobey shared the Farmer's Market opened on June 6. They had music, a large turnout and great weather for the opening day/ribbon cutting celebration. There was a vendor parking concern that Annalee, Mitch, Vicky Meuthing and Ted Livermore will be working on to solidify a solution. Thank you to Twin City Trading Post and Book n Brush for the new picnic tables to be used for downtown events. These will be stored at the Lewis County Historical Museum. Rainier Connect is close to having enough businesses commit to the new fiber optic internet service for them to move forward with this new plan. This will be a great benefit to a possible future co-working space in Downtown that is currently being researched by the economic restructuring committee. Annalee announced she has received an anonymous donation to CCRT in the amount of \$10,000. Also, PSE has agreed to donate \$2,000 in B&O Tax to the CCRT Main Street Program. These funds were originally pledged to a program that is no longer is a Main Street Program.

### 3. Committee Reports

**Design-**Michele Gallagher shared that the committee have received approximately 75% of the monies needed for the downtown "Beautify Chehalis" project. Regarding the storefront window display, the Chehalis Farmers Market did a display in the Fechtner's building window. Reliable Enterprises will create a Lewis County Head Start display soon. The committee is also working on collecting historical photos for 23 new banners to be placed downtown. Annalee and Michelle will attend the next City of Chehalis DRC meeting to discuss safety pedestrian bollards for the street during the Farmer's Market. They have also issued a press release for a Call to Artists for the bathroom mural project. After submissions, CCRT members will be asked to vote for their favorite with the top 3 murals being presented to the community to select the favorite. The artist will be paid \$750 for the mural. A future project that is being researched are downtown sculptures. Marcy Anholt of ARTrails attended the last committee meeting and was helpful with discussions of this project. The next committee meeting is Thursday, July 6 at 9 am at the CCRT Office at 60 NW Boistfort St.

**Organization-**No report this month.

**Economic Restructuring-**Trevor Elliott shared that the "Full of Opportunity" posters are up in the available spaces and buildings downtown. The Façade program has started and will be accepting applications for matching grants up to \$2,500 per business location. The downtown bathrooms have been remodeled and were opened on June 5, 2017. Susan shared that they are continuing to work on the possibility of co-working spaces in downtown Chehalis This is an alternative for small businesses to share office space. Susan, Randy Mueller and Annalee attended a co-working open house in Vancouver on May 31. Vancouver's example is a community-oriented co-working space. They learned of the

importance of focusing on the need for amenities for these spaces. These spaces bring a sense of community to the area. The example they saw had an open area in the center (couches/ping pong/beer on tap) with office spaces around the outside of the center area. Councilor Harris spoke about how the building zoning would be handled for this type of building/business. They are continuing to research this project. This committee meets the last Friday of the month at noon at Sweet Inspirations. The next meeting is Friday, June 30 at noon.

Promotion- Lori Kahn has accepted a new position at The FISH in Portland and has stepped down as the Promotion Committee Chair. Tanya Laeger has agreed to become the new Chairperson for this committee. ChehalisFest is coming to Downtown Chehalis on July 29. As this is an unfunded project this year, they have secured some sponsorships. There is to be a planning meeting in 2 weeks, time and day to be determined. The committee has completed the work on the "Choose Chehalis" brochure (project formerly titled "Why Chehalis"). Advocate Printing was awarded the bid and they will be ready near the end of June.

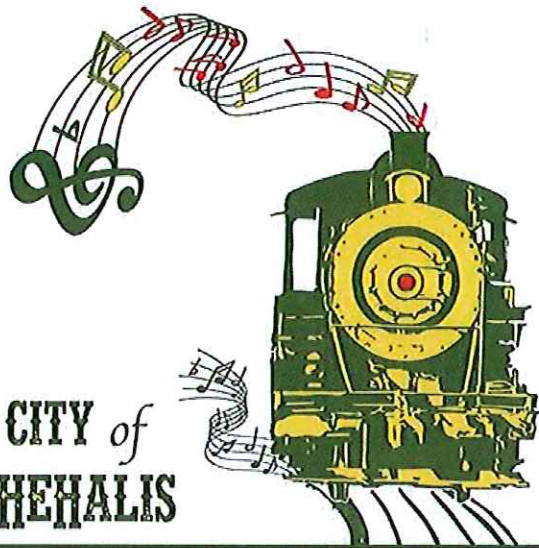
#### 4. Other Updates/Announcements/Good of the Order

No other updates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. City Hall Basement Meeting Room**

Meeting Notes respectfully submitted by Denny Peace, City Manager's Administrative Assistant.



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# MUSIC IN THE PARK

All shows begin at 6:30 pm - FREE to the public  
Recreation Park ~ 221 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Food will be available for purchase  
Bring your own chairs and blankets



**July 21**  
The Governors – Mix of Pop Rock  
Wings N Things – Tribute to Paul McCartney and Wings



**July 28**  
The High Rollers – Funk and Mowtown  
The Premier CCR Tribute with Randy Linder



**August 4**

John Ford Coley – Grammy Award Nominated



The Olson Brothers – Country Rock



Music in the Park is brought to you by the City of Chehalis  
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# Veterans Museum News

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**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

## **TAYA KYLE TO SPEAK AT THE MUSEUM**

**July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



For several months now we have been in contact with Taya Kyle, the wife of *American Sniper* Chris Kyle who was killed in 2013 while trying to help a fellow veteran with PTSD. Taya was his loving and supportive wife who authored many segments in Chris's book *American Sniper* and had also recently released her own book. The book, *American Wife: A Memoir of Love, Service, Faith, and Renewal*, was released by Harper Collins in 2015 and was co-written with Jim DeFelice. This remarkable book chronicles her struggles as a military wife and the sudden death of her husband. In 2014 she founded the Chris Kyle Frog Foundation, an organization that "serves those who serve us by providing meaningful interactive experiences that enrich family

relationships". She is also a regular contributor with FOX News and is very active with support of our veterans and their families.

Taya is a very busy individual and we are fortunate to secure a spot in her schedule. She will be appearing as our guest speaker for our Desert War Veterans Day. Previously the Desert War Veterans Day was advertised as June 17<sup>th</sup> but it is now being moved to Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in accommodation with her schedule.

Taya will be at the Museum on July 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm for a "meet n greet" where she will be selling and signing books. Then in the evening at 6:00 pm we will hold our Desert War Veterans Day where she will be our guest speaker.

This event is free to the public (though we would appreciate donations to help offset the cost of her expenses. You can send in a donation and earmark it for Desert War Day) We encourage you – our members – to invite everyone you know to attend. Her message is a powerful one for both veterans and their families, especially spouses!

If you have any questions – please do not hesitate to contact the Museum.

## **PBS TO FEATURE THE MUSEUM**

In addition to the exceptional news of having a world renown individual as our guest speaker for Desert War Veterans Day, we are also excited to announce that the Veterans Memorial Museum is going to be featured on PBS stations in all 50 states in 2017 and 2018! In addition, the program will air on MSNBC, CNN, the History Channel and Discover! The Museum is going to be featured as a segment known as *Frontpage* and is hosted by James Earl Jones!

Filming will begin in May and the program will be on the air in June. This is an exciting step for the Museum to be featured throughout the country! Stay tuned for more information!

## **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE VETERANS TREE OF LIFE AND BENEFIT CONCERT**

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is a day to set aside to honor the men and women who are no longer with us and who have served with honor, dignity and sacrifice. This day is of course Memorial Day. Come join us at 10:30 am at the Claquato Cemetery in Chehalis for a time to reflect on our veterans

# GET INVOLVED VOLUNTEER

At the 2017 STP!!!

Still looking to fulfill community service hours or possibly a way to give back to your community? Look no further... Volunteer with the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce for the Seattle to Portland Bike Ride!!! We have an array of different fun jobs to help with at this fun filled event. If you are interested please contact the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber at 360-748-8885 for more information.

Date: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ~ Saturday

Time: 10:00 am-5:00 pm ~ whether you can help for one hour or seven, we will greatly appreciate your help!

