

Growth Policy Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes – 9/3/19, 4:00 PM

Attendees: LeeAnn Schermerhorn, Tracy McIntyre, Toby McIntosh, Robin Haidle, Kirsten Holland, John LaBonty, Mike Volsky, Naomi Resch, Gretchen Lancaster

- Recap of Last Meeting
 - Reviewed previous meeting minutes.
 - Based on compilation of data regarding population, economic conditions were discussed and population will move to October meeting.
- Economic Conditions:
 - Discussed Primary Sector, which is typically defined as where 51% of the work/income originates from outside of area.
 - Identified employers in the area ((P) indicates primary sector)
 - (P) Gwynn Lumber
 - Forest service
 - Schools (public & private)
 - Mountain Manor
 - (P) Eureka 93 Hemp
 - Eureka Health (former Prompt Care) – 40 people
 - Independent logging/trucking
 - Contractors (residential primarily)
 - Golf Courses ((2) 18-hole courses, (2) Par 3's)
 - Mechanics
 - Hospitality
 - LEC, Interbel
 - Real Estate
 - Independent Ag
 - CBP
 - Town (9 employees)
 - Home based business
 - Post Office
 - (P) Glacier Peak Holistics
 - Grocery/Hardware/gas stations
 - Self Employed
 - Tourism
 - (P) Chrysalas School – 3 or 4 boarding schools
 - Kauffman Buildings
 - (P) MT Woodworks
 - WBC
 - Sectors
 - Healthcare
 - Natural resources

- Agriculture
 - Housing (contracting, real estate etc.)
 - Transportation
 - Government
 - Utility
 - Recreation/Tourism
 - Cottage Industry (i.e. home based)
 - Education
 - Manufacturing
 - Telecommuting
 - Challenges
 - Aging/out of work force population
 - Lack of trained work force
 - Number of people in work force
 - Generational changes
 - Cost of living vs. wage
 - Childcare (State has 60% deficiency in quality childcare)
 - 2008 was the big shift from logging to “current” conditions. Eureka was traditionally a natural resource community
 - Ability of businesses to support wages
 - Location
 - \$14.55 living wage (per Lincoln County)
 - Opportunity
 - Have looked for incentives in the past to draw outside businesses
 - Leverage bandwidth
 - Foreign Trade Zone
 - TIF
 - What is Town’s goal for economy?
- Next Meeting:
 - **Tuesday, October 1 @ 4 PM**