



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2023

Wednesday, September 06, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

## MINUTES

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### TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN-PERSON:

Come to Sandy City Hall (lower parking lot entrance) - 39250 Pioneer Boulevard, Sandy, OR 97055

### TO ATTEND THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM:

Please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82161456659>

Or by phone: (253) 215-8782; Meeting ID: 82161456659

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:34 PM

### ROLL CALL

Members present: Jeremy Pietzold (Chair), Chris Mayton, Hans Wipper, Bill Schwartz, Marcel Brache

### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Carl Exner:

- Concerned about the conditions of the City (downtown); liked the Façade updates, West End of couplet and the ODOT updates, but other items are of concern; a couple of properties that are not great
- Example: outdoor lighting seems to be at at least three different levels, east end of the couplet has some trees that are outgrowing their spaces, "bark chip islands", highway divider islands at Les Schwab & AM/PM, etc.
- Would like to put together a group together (EDAB members, Council, business owners) to go through downtown Sandy and identify properties that need work on landscaping, entrances, screening (garbage/recycling bins), etc....but address them proactively (giving recognition, awards)
- Wants to put together a winter-time proposal together (by spring) (?!); would run by EDAB first to refine
- Chair recap: group of citizens, business owners want to find creative ways to encourage business owners to clean up their properties through inexpensive means →
- Wipper: how about a holiday lighting contest? → Mayton: Winterfest will have a grant contest for this very purpose; was presented at City Council at Monday's meeting
- Chair: Carl to send me list of property owners, business owners that are interested to Ec Dev Mgr

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes - June 2023  
Minutes were not added to the packet due to technical difficulties. Will forward to November meeting for approval.

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

2. Welcome to new member: Robbie Walters  
  
Mr. Walters was absent; move this to November meeting
3. Shout outs: Updates from board members
  - Wipper: May slowest month ever, June slow, but camps in July sold out; business getting back to normal → looking for staffing (café); getting lots of apps, many are too young → covered structure was great this summer
  - Schwartz: Summer is good for breweries; Trivia Night is awesome, live music is up and down
  - Brache: Two vacant spaces are filling up (massage, insurance); AEC building will be at 100% occupancy!
  - Mayton: Winterfest! Information; expand the event and make it more uniform throughout the City
  - Brewster (SandyNet): upgrades at the data ctr; offering multi-gig (2G & 5G) in the next few months; 10G to come → bringing on weekend employee (badly needed; eliminates outsourcing) & new utility worker to replace utility worker moving into jr. network engineer position (new)

## EC DEV OFFICE UPDATES

4. Development Updates:
  - 362nd/Bell Street: ODOT signal controller was faulty & needed to be replaced, tested → Road should be open 1<sup>st</sup> week of October.
  - Moratorium: Have not been able to get a full assessment from Planning Director (he is very busy, has not been available lately), but new numbers are pending
  - Tollgate Inn covered structure: history of why this project has taken so long; finally ready for final SURA review at next SURA Board meeting
  - Other active commercial development in Sandy:
    - 38888 Pioneer: recently purchased; there are a lot of code issues that will need to be addressed → there is a childcare business interested in occupying it → BTVC: he is ready to proceed
    - 16800 SE 362<sup>nd</sup>: now owned by Johnson RV; is new maintenance, cleaning and painting facilities; also making multiple improvements
    - Rogue Fabrication site: trying to get a hold of Joey Gambino to discuss developing his site, Enterprise Zone application; have a discussion about metals fab in Sandy per the EDSP

## 5. Current Grant Projects

Sandbar BBQ: approved & in process, must stripe entire parking lot, add street trees prior to reimbursement

Mt Hood Cigar (pending): have to leave the business to access the deck currently, this project would correct this; waiting on door cost information

Scooter's (pending): concrete floors, correct lottery access; complete bathroom remodel.

## NEW BUSINESS

6. EDSP - List of high priority items: Per board direction, the staff liaison will present a draft prioritization of high priority items from the EDSP for Board discussion.

- Retail market analysis: I think this is the most important item in the report; not expensive and very functional for businesses; general agreement from Chair and Board
- Chair: take 5-10 minutes to read through staff proposal for ranking these items
- Mayton: Action 5.3.4 should fall right behind 5.2.3; multi-modal transit plan seems more important than metals fab
- Include meeting/event space in hotel discussions; we need more conference and meeting space in Clackamas County as a whole.
- Brache: Top 3 are exactly right (general agreement amongst the Board); requested copy of Walkability Report (staff will forward)

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Jeremy Pietzold, Chair