



Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes April 17, 2020

The April 17, 2020 Economic Development Board Meeting held via Zoom Meetings, was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Les Anderson, Chantal Keller, John Russell, Kristine Birkenkopf
Staff Members in Attendance: Jennifer Ferguson, Patricia Love, Krista Hintz

Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant

Jennifer Ferguson discussed the City's role in helping local businesses recover from COVID-19. Jennifer will be holding a meeting with local lenders to find out what we can do to help support them as they help support small business. The Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant Funds has \$5 million dollars of unclaimed lottery winnings to be split among the small businesses in WA state. Snohomish County will receive approximately \$360,000 which will be split further by city. The allocation for Stanwood could be in the \$20,000 range. The scenario from the Governor's office said grants of \$10,000, it is most likely the grants will be *up to* that amount.

The EASC will be sending the 51 Stanwood applications to Jennifer, she will determine which applicants are inside city limits and which fall to county. Applicants outside city limits will be sent back and scored by the county.

Downtown Park Areas

Patricia Love gave an overview of a potential grant through the Department of Commerce to clean up contaminated public lands. The total amount is approximately \$200,000 per grant. The city would like to apply for the grant for the property at the northeast side of 271st Main Street where we currently put up the Christmas Tree. If the project is approved for the program, the city will connect with the current owner to see if it would be possible to purchase the property and move forward.

The Board was in full favor of moving forward with the grant application.

New City Website www.stanwoodwa.org

Jennifer Ferguson shared her screen to walk Board Members through the new City website, www.stanwoodwa.org, with emphasis on the "COVID-19 Updates" page and the "COVID-19 and Your Business" page.

New DSC Website www.discoverstanwoodcamano.com

Jennifer Ferguson shared her screen to walk Board Members through the new DiscoverStanwoodCamano website with emphasis on PLACES and EVENTS, and the backend discussion tool for communicating with businesses.

COVID-19 Impact Discussion

Economic Development Board Members discussed the impact of COVID-19 pertaining to their businesses and events.

Adjourned 8:32 a.m.