**Town of Concrete**

**Economic Development Commission Meeting**

**January 11, 2023**

**Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. Chair Anne Bussiere led the gallery in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call: Economic Commission Members:** Dinah Kinney, Anne Bussiere, Wiley Moore (Zoom), and John Boggs.

Anne Bussiere made a motion to excuse Ger van den Engh, Karla Massingale and Sharon Riels. Dinah Kinney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Liaison:** Stephanie Semro.

**Audience Members Signed In:** None.

**Appointment/Reappointment of Chair and Chair Pro-tem**: Dinah Kinney made a motion to stay with the current Chair and Chair Pro-tem. John Boggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** October 12, 2022 meeting and November 9, 2022 workshop: Dinah Kinney made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Wiley Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** Economic Development Plan Update Ideas: Anne stated this should be a living and constantly changing document. She stated some of the existing goals in the plan are fine, some have been completed and some either need to be updated or removed.

John stated the plan has goals, but the plan also needs to be actionable and state how to complete the goals.

Discussion ensued on where to start with the ideas that were submitted and how to begin updating the plan.

John stated they need to set the goal but then have ways listed on how to get there and how to measure success. He stated they need to have a good and detailed plan to take to council. Discussion ensued on the goals and now to define the actions. Discussion also ensued on funding, grant writing and the need to review other smaller community’s Economic Development Plans.

John stated that networking and discussing with other entities how they are accomplishing economic development could be helpful. It was stated to review plans from places like La Conner, Winthrop, Twisp, and Orcas.

Anne stated the Chamber has been doing a lot and are listed as a partner in some of the tasks in the current EDC Plan. She also discussed the Bandago app that is being used by other towns and cities.

Anne stated that one of the items she would like to focus on is housing. Dinah stated that she is also interested in housing as well as updates to the zoning and the different housing options that could be available.

Wiley discussed the work he did on his ideas for the airport. He stated he did a lot of work and detailed 10-steps that are shovel ready and could be moved forward on quickly. He stated that he feels strongly about what he has put together and that the airport could be an economic driver for the town.

Further discussion ensued on the amount of information provided by Wiley, the other items in the EDC plan that need to be included and the ability to share information between commissioners by email.

It was stated to come with 4 or 5 items in priority order and then possibly schedule a workshop with the council to discuss the ideas and get their feed back on the plan before a final draft is brought to them for approval.

Discussion ensued on the use of committees. It was stated that John, Dinah, and Anne will meeting and narrow down the ideas, how to accomplish those ideas and start on a priority list which should include ideas on housing, education, airport, and historic preservation.

**New Business:** It was stated the committee meeting will take place on Thursday, January 19 at 1pm at Town Hall.

**Announcements:** Next workshop will be February 8 at 6pm.

**Adjournment:** Dinah Kinney made a motion for adjournment at 7:07 p.m. John Boggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Anne Bussiere, Chair Attest: Dinah Kinney, Chair pro-tem