

MEETING SUMMARY

CENTRAL OREGON REGIONAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: April 14, 2016

Meeting location: Graduate and Research Center, OSU Cascades, Bend, Oregon

Committee members present

Mike Hollern, Convener *

Becky Johnson, VP OSU Cascades

Amy Tykeson, Tykeson and Associates *

Betty Roppe, Prineville Mayor *

George Endicott, Redmond Mayor

Ken Mullenex, La Pine Mayor

Benny Benson, Energyneering

Roger Lee, Economic Development for Central Oregon

Andrew Spreadborough, Exec Dir. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

Mae Huston, Jefferson County Commissioner

Lonny Macy, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Mike McCabe, Judge, Crook County

Alan Unger, Commissioner, Deschutes County*

*Denotes Executive Committee members

Regional Solutions Team

Rob Hardie, Department of Transportation

Damon Runberg, Employment Department

Heather Stafford, Business Oregon (via conference call)

Brian Rogers, Business Oregon

Annette Liebe, Coordinator, Governor's Office

Guests (spellings may be incorrect)

Rep. Whisnant

Paul Nicholson, Consultant

Matt Rodger

Chris Watson

Dave Kyle

Jeff Friesen, Energyneering

Julie Harrelson, Cascade Angels

Scott Aycock, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

Cate O'Hagan, Arts Central

Creative Economy Action Plan Update – Paul Nicholson, Consultant

Initial data collection has been completed. The inventory of arts and culture employers is almost complete. The schedule includes a meeting with “thought leaders” at the end of April as well as a facilitated discussion in May or June.

The consultant and the team (Arts Central, Business Oregon) are looking for opportunities to align with the Americans for the Arts survey to reduce the risk of survey fatigue. Therefore, the recommendation is to delay the due date for the final report to September. Committee discussed and agreed to the new schedule.

Follow-up: Annette Liebe and Cate O’Hagan will reach out to the public and private funders of the project to ensure that they are comfortable with, and aware of, the revised schedule.

Transformative Transportation Project Update

Andrew Spreadborough (Exec. Dir., COIC) gave an update on the Redmond hub/park and ride project. CET submitted an application for Connect Oregon Funds for this project. Regional Solutions funding (\$200k) is part of the match along with funds from the Redmond Urban Renewal District and Oregon Community Foundation. The project is ranking high through the modal committee and the Area Commission on Transportation. The Regional Solutions funding will also fund a new low floor transit bus and four improved bus stops in Bend (shelters and wifi). The four Bend bus stops are part of a larger effort to improve bus stops in the region including adding stops on the Community Connector routes. CET also submitted a funding request to the “Enhance It” program to support regional bus stop improvements. This request is preliminarily ranking high among the regional projects.

Gary Farnsworth (ODOT) discussed an opportunity to create a transit hub in La Pine. Rep. Whisnant suggested looking at whether the Veterans Administration could provide funding for a stop at the VA medical center. There was also discussion about helping the City of La Pine apply for Transportation Growth Management funding to design the area around the transit hub in the event the council supports the idea.

Follow up: ODOT/DLCD to reach out to the City of La Pine re: TGM funding.

Overview of Business Oregon’s Innovation and Entrepreneurship Strategy

Heather Stafford, Business Oregon, provided an overview of the work Business Oregon has been doing to develop a statewide network of support activities for entrepreneurship and innovation. Heather’s presentation is posted to the Central Oregon Regional Solutions website under meeting materials. Purpose of the presentation was to set the foundation for OSU’s Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship.

Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship, OSU Cascades

Becky Johnson, OSU Cascades, provided an update on the Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship and identified opportunities for the committee and team to help with the

project. Grant writing and outreach are opportunities for collaboration with the team/committee.

Follow up: Annette Liebe will set up a couple of meetings with key committee members (EDCO and COIC), OSU Cascades, and regional partners in entrepreneurship to share/discuss the vision for ICE and create partnerships for pursuing funding.

Central Oregon Clean Fuels

Jeff Friesen & Benny Benson, Energyneering Solutions, provided an overview of incentives available to create a coalition in Central Oregon to implement clean fuel fleet programs.

Follow up: Annette Liebe will convene a meeting between state agency representatives, Energyneering, Deschutes County and others to identify level of interest and potential partners.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update

Scott Aycock, COIC, provided an overview of the issues being identified in the update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Once the document is near completion, the committee will hear about the refined priorities.

Next Meeting Dates

- June 16th (10:00 - noon) - Madras
- August 11th (10:00 - noon) CANCELLED
- Oct 25th (9:00 – noon) NEW DATE/TIME
- December 15th (10:00 - noon)