

**City of Lowell**  
**Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 7, 2018**  
**Lowell City Hall**

**Call to Order: 7:02 PM by Committee Chair Bjornstad**

**Committee Members Present:** Jerry Bjornstad, Michael Galvin, Robert Burr, Bill George, Lisa Bee Wilson

**Approval of Minutes – Bill George move to approve minutes from Apr. 2, 2018 second by Robert Burr. PASS 5:0**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

- **Introduction to Rural Development Initiatives** – Representatives were unable to attend meeting, will attend next month.
- **Introduction to Regional Solutions** – Jackie Mikalonis, from Regional Solutions gave a presentation. The Governor has appointed an advisory committee to each of the 11 regions, Lowell being the South Valley/Mid Coast Region. It is to support the economic development; one project was Oregon RAIN. Melissa Murphy of Business Oregon, a partner agency, introduced herself.
- **Discussion of Chamber of Commerce Concepts** – CA presented the proposal from Rural Development Initiatives, to develop a Chamber of Commerce concept. Discussion followed.
- **Discussion of Housing Development Incentives** – Jerry Valencia spoke on creating affordable housing. Discussion followed.
- **Discussion of Representative for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee** – Jerry Bjornstad volunteered to be on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee.
- **Other Business:** Rick Magnall, Dexter Lake Farmers Market, gave an update on plans for the market this summer, each month featuring a special topic. CA announced the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee will tentatively meet on June 4, 2018 at 7 PM, with EDC Committee meeting being held prior, at 6:30 PM.

**Adjourn: 8:50 PM**

  
Chair Jerry Bjornstad

  
Attest: Jared Cobb, City Recorder