Meeting Notes

Friday, April 11, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Directors Present: Sam Crummett, City of Battle Ground, Mitch Kneipp, City of Washougal; Sandra Towne and Bryan Snodgrass, City of Vancouver; Eric Eisemann representing City of Ridgefield and City of La Center, Amanda Smeller, City of Woodland, and Robert Maul, City of Camas;

Staff: Gordy Euler, Gary Albrecht and Colete Anderson

Meeting Notes by: Gary Albrecht

Welcome & Introductions

- Gordy welcomed everyone to the meeting and initiated introductions.
- Board of Clark County Hearing about employment allocation on May 27th.
- Department of Commerce’s Quarterly Planner’s Forum is on April 17, 2014.
- Commerce Basic Short Course on May 21st 6:30–9:30 at Battle Ground City Hall.

Population & Employment Allocation Discussion

- Board of Clark County Commissioners held an Employment hearing on April 1st and is continued to April 22nd, and they are leaning towards choosing the higher number seen in scenario 4 for a jobs number. The 4/22 hearing is still open for public testimony and anyone can provide input on a proposed jobs number for the Board to consider. Gary discussed the Methodology; method 3 needs to be revised; 3) allocating growth by UGA according to the proportion of the total county identified vacant and buildable lands, but capped by UGA at currently historical shares.
- Flexibility is uncertain and the cities are not sure what flexibility means. Gary mentioned that at previous City–County Coordination meeting, there was a consensus among jurisdictions “in general, each city should be given the opportunity to be flexible.”
- City of Camas representative mentioned that during a testimony at the recent Board Hearing on employment, asked the question of what does it mean for allocation? They would like the ability to rezone commercial/industrial lands as needed and not be held to a specific number of acres needed for commercial or industrial lands. Gordy indicated that the County will work with its cities if rezones are needed. It was mentioned during the recent hearing that it would be nice to add employment land if needed after the 2016 Comp Plan update is complete. Staff reminded the cities that the County’s policy...