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Economic Development Staff Report

In November, 2009 the Grants and Economic Development Coordinator worked closely with Mayor Eslick planning an aggressive Business Retention and Education calendar for 2010.

Business Roundtables

1. Date: January 16, 2010
Focus Group: Food Service
Location: Dutch Cup Restaurant
Attendees: 13 Food Service Business Owners
2. Date: February 23, 2010
Focus Group: Retail Business
Location: City Hall Council Chambers
Attendees: 23 Retail Business Owners
3. Date: March 31, 2010
Focus Group: Industry
Location: Koppenberg Enterprises, Inc.
Attendees: 19 Industrial Business Representatives and Owners
4. Date: September 25, 2010
Focus Group: All Businesses ~ Downtown Business Fair
Location: Main Street
Attendees: TBD
5. Date: November 16, 2010
Focus Group: All Businesses
Location: Ixtapa Restaurant
Attendees: To be determined



Business Workshops & Tours

1. Date: January 15, 2010
Focus Group: Business 101
Location: Visitor Information Center
Attendees: 16 Attendees
2. Date: March 19, 2010
Focus Group: Finance and Taxes
Location: Visitor Information Center
Attendees: 10 Attendees
3. Date: May 1, 2010
Focus Group: Industry Tour for Mayor, Council and Planning Boardmembers
Location: East Teak, Alexander's Auto Wrecking, Docufeed Technologies, Jim Flower LLC
Attendees: 4 City Officials



4. Date: October 1, 2010
Focus Group: Press Releases/Marketing on a Shoestring
Location: Visitor Information Center
Attendees: To be Determined

Other Economic and Business Development Accomplishments in 2010

New Businesses:

- R & R Trading Post – Retail business on Main Street OPENED
- Text UR Tacos – Restaurant on Main Street OPENED
- Dangles – Jewelry Store on Main Street OPENED
- Prospectors Plus – Prospecting business on Main Street OPENED
- **GROW** Washington – Business Development & Marketing business on Main Street OPENED

179 Business Licenses Approved
39 Renewals

62 Home Occupation Applications Received
45 Approved
17 Pending
9 Renewals
9 Denied

Council Legislative Action:

Reduced the industrial lot size from 1 acre to .5 acre
Eliminating the Industrial Park Plan
Rezoned the Harris property to Highway Oriented Development

Business Recognition:

Flat Iron Gallery ~ 30 Years in Sultan
Prospectors Plus ~ New Business