

Forest Grove EDC

Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule Topics

The City of Forest Grove Economic Development Strategic Plan was adopted by Council earlier in the year...a great milestone for EDC. This suggested proposal is to keep the plan front and center of our meetings and assist Jeff in meeting and measuring the objectives that were adopted. The suggestion is for two meetings on Goal 7 as Council and Staff are putting additional emphasis on finding and addressing barriers to equity in all areas, including economic development. The first meeting would be more of asking questions and gathering ideas, the second more on reporting back what was found.

This proposal is merely a suggestion to help guide the commissions' thoughts on how best to manage its own agenda for the next year.

January: Goal 7 - Further Partnerships, Outreach, and Equity Efforts

February: Goal 2 - Expand Opportunities for Entrepreneurship and Growth

March: Budget Recommendations

April: Goal 3 - Support Small Business Development and Retention

May: Goal 4 - Assist in the Development of Downtown

June: Goal 5 - Expand the Economic Impact of Tourism

July: Goal 6 - Create a Competitive Business Climate

August: no meeting

September: Goal 7 - Further Partnerships, Outreach, and Equity Efforts

October: Goal 1 - Support Industrial and Commercial Business Growth

November & December: Strategic Plan Review

Putting a calendar together like this will help Jeff focus his efforts (besides his daily work) and help us all to organize our thoughts with respect on a specific objectives and the metrics that are intended to measure progress or not. Jeff also has an annual report to assemble, so providing input to that would be beneficial. Also, it would help the EDC members to formulate questions and provide input. Increasing member input will help make meetings meaningful and productive.