

The logo for Forest Grove Oregon features the words "FOREST GROVE" in a large, black, serif font, with "OREGON" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font to the right. To the right of the text is a green graphic of three oak leaves arranged in a circular pattern.

FOREST
GROVE OREGON

A place where businesses and families thrive.

2018 Annual Boards & Commission Dinner

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION**

Economic Development Commission Members

Elena Uhing – City Council Liaison

Howard Sullivan	Chamber of Commerce	Steve Krautscheid	Tuality Healthcare
Lois Hornberger	Pacific University	James Draznin	Citizen At Large
Brad Bafaro	FG School District	Kevin Emerick	Woodfold Mfg.
Bruce McVean	New Season Foods	Tim Budelman	Norris-Stevens CRE
Javier Urenda	Adelante Mujeres	Guy Storms	Henningsen Cold Storage
Marc Meinecke	Chaucer Foods	Jennifer Prickett	McMenamins
Sandra Fowler Hill	Portland Co Col.	Brian Wilbur	Pacific Insurance Partners
Tom Raabe	Premier Comm Bank	Hope Kramer	Power Systems Plus, Inc.
		Mark Nakajima	Citizen At Large/ACE Ha

Mission Statement

- *The Forest Grove Economic Development Commission advocates for a thriving local economy and advises the City Council on relevant economic development issues.*
- Forest Grove Economic Overview
 - Forest Grove Unemployment rate of 3.5% -November, 2017
 - Available general industrial space down to under 30,000sf from recession peak of 638,530sf
 - From 2011-2016 Forest Grove was in top 5 (#4) fastest growing cities in Oregon (of 5,000+ population)
 - In past 14 months, total of proposed and completed projects equaled \$99M investment and 136 jobs



Accomplishments

- **Monthly Meeting & 3 Subcommittees**
 - Tourism, Industrial/Infrastructure, & Small Business/Retention
- **Business Recruitment/Expansion**
 - MGC Pure, Old Trapper, Chaucer, Diversity Café, McMenamins Grand Lodge, Yellow Llama, Photo Solutions
- **Economic Development Marketing**
 - Oregon Public Broadcasting, Portland Relocation Guide, Travel Oregon, City website, Broker mailings, site profiles on state database
 - New lead economic development brochure
- **Programs for Business Development & Growth**
 - Small Business Initiatives: Business Incentive Program, Start-up guide, funding, counseling, market resources grants, training resources
 - Certified Industrial Site Readiness: 3 sites –Hennigsen, Haworth, Evers



Accomplishments

■ **Resource Programs & Network Building**

- Presentation on Tax Levy
- Presentation and Discussion with Four Forest Grove Companies
- Presentation: Resource Agencies USA SBA; Clean Water Services , Light and Power, Oregon Workforce Center, City Public Works
- Presentations & Discussion with: Forest Grove School District, City of Cornelius, Bienestar, Tourism Marketing
- Meeting and Discussion with MGC Officials

■ **Business Tools & Incentives**

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- Enabled 7 companies to expand or locate in Forest Grove through use of Enterprise Zone (4) and Business Incentive Program (3)
 - CEP & Metro grants: Downtown Design Storefront Improvement,

Accomplishments

City of Forest Grove
Local Dining & Wine
Bars

2017



FOREST GROVE
Where Oregon pinot was born

■ **Tourism Development**

- Support for new Transient Lodging Tax Fund
- Print & Digital Statewide Marketing
- Updated Dining Guide
- Updated Discover Forest Grove Guide & New Map

■ **Recommendations to Council on Economic Issues / Ordinances**

- Storefront Façade Program
- Transient Lodging Tax
- Enterprise Zone Policies

Future Priorities:

CITY OF FOREST GROVE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-18



- Industrial Land Development
- Workforce Development/Availability
- Small Business Support
- Tourism Development
 - TLT tax funded initiatives
 - Bike Tourism
- Networking & Coordination w/Public Entities & Businesses
- Commercial Site Redevelopment