



Harrisburg City Council Work Session Minutes April 23, 2019

The Harrisburg City Council met in a work session meeting on this date at the Harrisburg Senior Center, located at 354 Smith St., at the hour of 6:31pm. Presiding was Mayor Robert Duncan.

Also present were as follows:

- Mike Caughey
- Kimberly Downey
- Robert Boese
- Adam Keaton
- Charlotte Thomas
- Youth Advisor Spencer Tucker
- City Administrator Brian Latta
- City Recorder/Asst. City Administrator Michele Eldridge
- Utility Billing Supervisor/Court Clerk/Code Enforcement Lori Ross
- City Attorney Jim Brewer

Absent this evening was Councilor Randy Klemm.

Concerned citizen(s) in the audience. All present were for items on the agenda.

The matter of Discussing Martin V. Boise 9th Circuit Court Decision, and Homelessness in Harrisburg.

Staff Report: Latta told the City Council that our City Attorney, Jim Brewer, is with us tonight to discuss the Martin V. Boise Decision. Anita McClure is also here this evening, to share her concerns in relation to homelessness in Harrisburg.

- Anita McClure, area resident, made an impassioned plea to the City Council in relation to the areas around Harrisburg that have homeless citizens in them. One area of concern is the homeless camp that is a little closer to Junction City than to Harrisburg, on Hwy 99E. A lot of people in those homeless camps are elderly. She described in detail the deplorable conditions in this location, and what the residents are dealing with. She has been talking to both Brian, and to the Junction City Administrator, Jason Knope, about what could be done to help these people. She'd love to see something in City limits, within walking distance of a place to get a food box, which has clean running water, electricity, garbage pick-up, lights, and safety, including a police presence. The City of Veneta has a legal camp, and she'd like for the cities to think about doing the same.
- Jim Brewer, the City's attorney, gave a lengthy review of what was covered in the case that ended up going to the 9th Circuit Court. At question was a number of things, but ultimately,

the court said you can't criminalize someone for sleeping in public if there is no other sleeping space in a shelter. He cautioned that this is not a broad de-regulation of public spaces. Those spaces still belong to the public. The decision also doesn't apply to homeless people who have access to a shelter, but choose not to use it. It's a good idea for cities to review their ordinances; he and Brian have done that. As a matter of policy, the City might want to have a system that tracks people who are homeless, and whether or not there are shelters, and if so, when they have space availability. Having something that says how you will coordinate with other entities, non-profits, and service providers would be good to have.

Thomas asked what opinion Brewer might have about lodging someone in our parks, vs. someone sleeping in parks. Brewer told her that both of our ordinances would probably survive the Boise case; both have certain allowances. Lodging allows Council to allow cars, or other units to be in the parks, and gives some flexibility. He said what Portland does in terms of homelessness works fairly well. Most cities around the state tolerate some level of unorganized camping in public places, until it's bad enough for clean up to occur. Public streets are in a category by themselves, related to safety. If you obstruct traffic, and sleep while doing so, you are endangering yourself, and everyone else.

Latta added that right now, we have restrictions to someone obstructing a street or sidewalk. If someone were to pitch a tent on a sidewalk, then we'd tell them that they can't do that there, but then give them an option to nap, rest, or sleep in a park during the day. As Brewer pointed out, the City is not necessarily best suited to operate a camp or a facility. That's not what we do, and is not our business. But certainly, actively participating in helping people, building partnerships and coalitions with other organizations, and maybe coming up with places for someone to sleep, could all be done. Captain Kevin Guilford, representing the Linn County Sheriff's office, was also present, and said that the county has taken a stance that if we can help someone who is homeless, it's better to do so, then to arrest them. Help them, and help them move on. If they camp on county property, we can serve them with a 24 hour notice, but LCSO then contacts social agencies, and passes information back and forth between the homeless, and the social agency. It doesn't do much to take them to jail. Right now, in Albany, there are three shelters, one of which is run by a social service agency. Latta asked if he thought the commissioners would mind if we adopted a similar ordinance, and then how that would relate to our contract with them. Captain Guilford said that he didn't know how the commissioners might feel, but assume that if you did something similar, that we'd probably be able to alter the contracts to make it work.

Council went on to personal accounts and stories for how homelessness had affected them in the past, and how they felt about it. As Caughey noted in summary of what everyone had to say, we don't have any answers on what we can do to help solve this. McClure added that it's going to take the City and county administrators, the ministerial association, City Council's, and mental health professionals; it's going to take all of us to do something to help solve the issue. It's a huge problem, but it can be solved.

Latta then explained some of the issues the City deals with in terms of people who are living in their RV's that are rotating where they are parking, and living in them overnight. Our vehicle code allows someone to park for 24 hours; so they park someplace, stay there for 20 hours, and then move somewhere else. It's in compliance with our code, but causes concern sometimes with area merchants, and residents. Ross said that she hears a lot of concerns from people who live nearby. We want to accommodate our citizens, and help them feel safe, but we also need to figure out how to help the people in the motor home.

Latta said ultimately, it's a tough situation. Does Council want to explore or revisit the vehicle code, in relation to people living in their vehicles/RV's, for a certain amount of time. Keaton said they are using the public street as temporary parking then. Ross told him yes. It applies to more than that too, such as people who have big trailers they use for work, or boats. After quite a bit more discussion by the City Council, Latta suggested *that with the consensus from Council (which was given), that he would look at some ideas, and consider what other cities are doing, and will bring those back to them at a future meeting.*

The matter of a Discussion with Other Agencies.

LCSO Report: Captain Kevin Guilford discussed the summary report of what occurred in town in the month of March. He emphasized for everyone that they needed to make sure to lock their vehicles. There was a series of vehicle break ins in a certain part of town; they were all unforced entry.

The matter of Proclaiming May 2019 as Mental Health Month.

- ***Mayor Duncan read aloud the proclamation, and proclaimed the month of May as Mental Health month in Harrisburg.***

The matter of Hearing a Presentation from Oregon RAIN. (Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network).

Staff Report: Corey Wright, the RAIN representative that was hired as a Venture Catalyst working for an 8 City partnership, gave an energetic presentation on what they've been doing in our communities. (Please see Addendum No. 1 for a copy of the PowerPoint slides shown during the meeting). His goal is to build a broader community of entrepreneurs, and to provide them with the resources that they need. Wright thanked the Council for their support; this program was established from a grant, and since then, they've had additional funding given to them. After some discussion about the resources they have, and the events, he invited Council to an upcoming event in Monroe, on May 2nd, and another at the Harrisburg Gallery at 6:00pm on May 29th. Attendees play a fun community game about entrepreneurs entitled Last Founders Standing. Wright also noted that a business registration program is good to have, because we can send out resources to all the business owners in town.

- Latta told him that we do have business licenses, and that includes home occupations.
- Angela Solesbee, who lives near City Hall, said that when people are doing businesses like day care, or Mary Kay, you get notice that hey, you have to have a business license....it is really hard sometimes when you don't know about a program.
- Latta noted that we do try to approach people in a friendly way that we know there is a business there, and we want to make you aware of our requirements.
- Wright said that sometimes it works well if you can waive part of the fee for first time business owners, or do it on a tiered basis, that way you can send them resource information, and they can more easily do what they need to. He thanked Brian for sending him people, and he has met with the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, as well as working with the Chamber of Commerce's in other communities. He needs everyone's help in reaching out to the rural communities, so we can provide resources to them.

The matter of Hearing a Presentation from Community LendingWorks.

Staff Report: Kenneth Smith, who is a Senior Loan Officer from Community LendingWorks, was also present this evening to help provide information and resources about what they do for entrepreneurs. (Please see Addendum No. 2 for his presentation information.) They provide small business and consumer lending services, with loans from \$300 to \$100,000, as well as providing

technical assistance and collaboration with borrowers. His office is in Corvallis, with another office in Springfield, but their reach is across the state.

- Mayor Duncan asked where the genesis of the program is.
- Smith told him that they work on community building, and are a government structured program where traditional bank funding doesn't work. He gave several examples of the types of loans that they are able to give. They understand community needs, and work in rural areas. He gave a few examples of what kinds of needs they can supply. He handed out brochures that the City could also put out for the services they supply. (These are available in City Hall for those who would like to see a copy.)

Others:

- Latta reviewed information from the League of Oregon Cities (LOC), where they were asking cities to submit testimony in letters in reference to several legislative concerns. One of the issues has to do with PERS, because the governor has suggested a plan that affects the schools, but doesn't address PERS stabilization in relation to cities and counties. If Council remembers from earlier in the year, some of the legislation is priority for the City Council. Those are the following house and senate bills:
 - House Bill (HB) 2408-A: Prevailing Wages
 - HB 3427, HB2270 and Senate Bill 108: Relate to impacting City's revenues and state revenue sharing
 - HB 2769-A: Qualification Based Selection

He briefly explained what each bill covered. Keaton remarked that HB3427 defeats the whole purpose of having an Enterprise Zone, which was echoed by several other Councilors. *Council consensus was to have Latta write a letter in opposition to the house bills and senate bills as suggested by our priority list, and the LOC.*

- Latta also related to Council that he spoke to them previously about augmenting the traffic enforcement part of our contract for law enforcement services. He had already shared the information from Junction City. He would also like to reach out to Coburg, as well as Albany and Corvallis. *Council consensus agreed with his efforts.*

With no further business, the Council adjourned at the hour of 8:28PM.

Mayor

City Recorder

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“Developing the entrepreneurial ecosystem
in Linn and Benton counties.”

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Connecting entrepreneurs to

People

Programs

Physical assets

Capital

EXPERTS on traded sector

Startups selling products or services
nationally or internationally

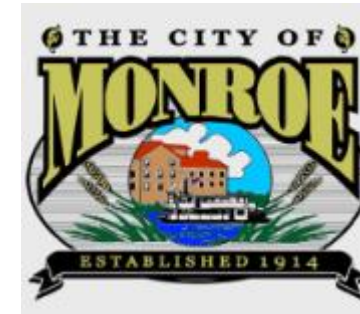
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entrepreneurs or angel investors



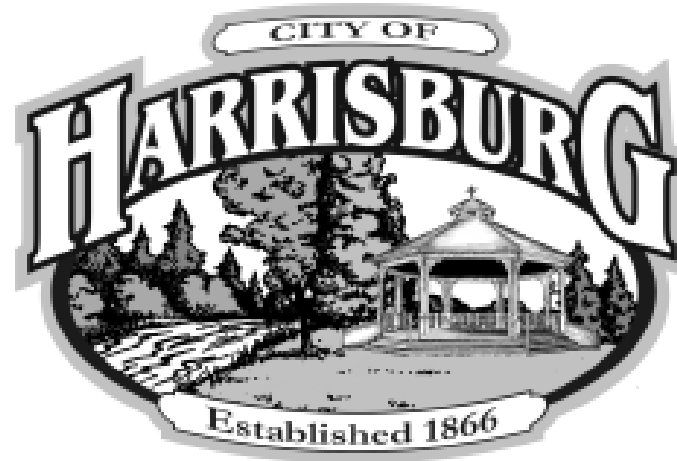
KEY ASSUMPTIONS TO VENTURE CATALYST MODEL

- We go where we are invited
- We practice listening really well
- We don't "should" on people
- We don't take equity or payments
- We don't sign NDAs
- You can "fire" us, we can "fire" you
- WE ARE HERE TO BUILD COMMUNITY!
- WE SEEK TO BE COLLABORATIVE!

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THE DAY OF A VENTURE CATALYST

- 25% Supporting Entrepreneurs and Innovators by Matching Them with People, Programs, and Capital
- 10% Community Asset Mapping
- 10% Hosting Outreach Events
- 7% Stakeholder Gathering and Management
- 7% Coordinating with OSU Advantage Accelerator for Access to People and Programs
- 7% Raising Sustainable Funds to Support the Ecosystem
- 7% Continuing Education for Community Stakeholders
- 5% Identifying Local Sources of Capital
- 5% Marketing Programs and Successes
- 5% Tracking and Reporting Metrics
- 5% Begin Activating Mentors
- 4% Collaborating with Statewide VC Network and Sharing Best Practices
- 3% Identifying and Training Angel Investors

Recruitment

Business Retention
& Expansion (BRE)



Marketing Region
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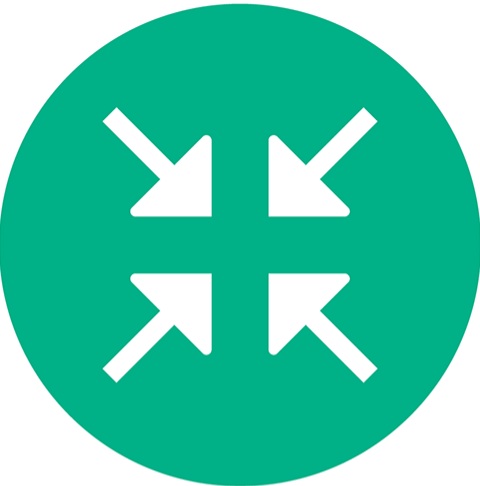
Entrepreneurship &
Innovation

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THE ESHIP GOALS

- Inclusive Field**
- Collaborative Culture**
- Shared Vision**
- Connected Networks**
- Quantified Methods**
- Universal Support**
- Sustainable Work**

Inclusive Field



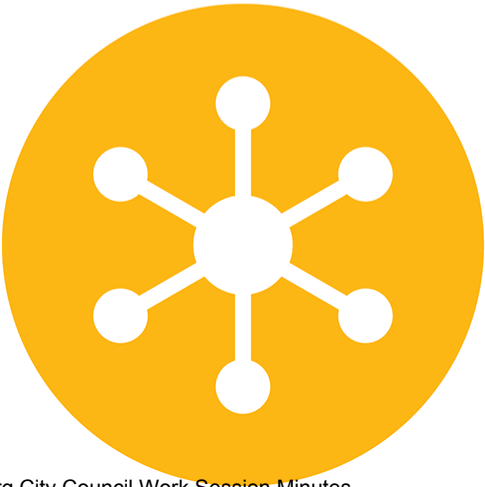
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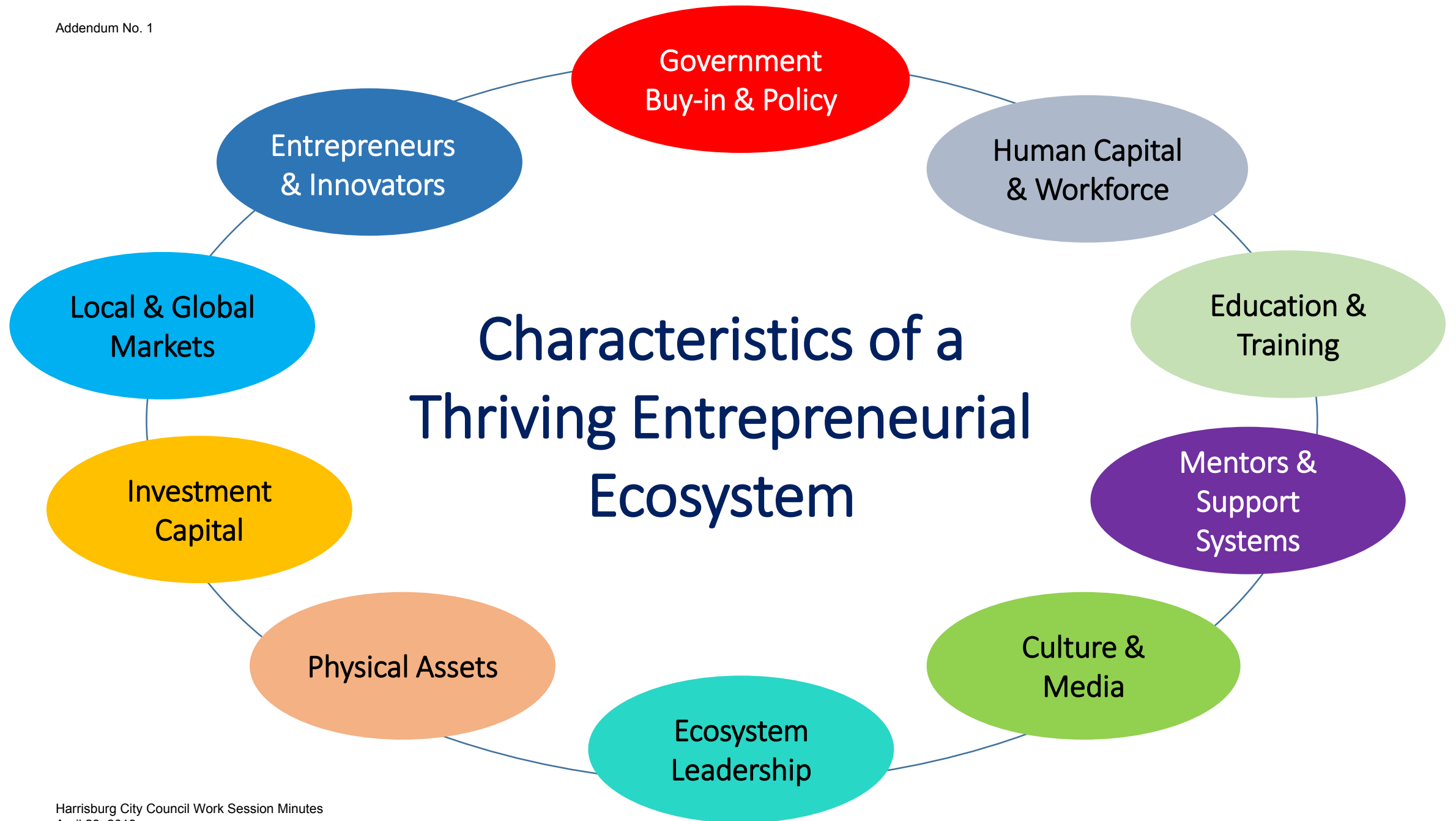


Universal Support



Sustainable Work





THE RESULTS



A thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem and culture.



New high-wage jobs for your community.



Supported local-impact traded sector start-ups.



Creating zero barriers for start-ups.



Metrics

**If you can't track it, it
doesn't count!**



Metrics

✓ We've completed all Business Oregon contract goals in 6 months!



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✓ 40 Events In 8-City Region

Metrics



✓ 3 in Harrsburg!



Metrics

✓ **54 Entrepreneurs**

✓ **35 in Rural 8-City Region**

✓ **28 Traded & PreTraded Sector
Entrepreneurs**

✓ **3 in Harrisburg Region**

✓ **4 Potential Angel Investors Identified**



Metrics

- ✓ 13+ Volunteers engaged
- ✓ \$95,000 in additional funding (2 year period)
- ✓ Stakeholder network of 200+ people
- ✓ 9 Startups that are very engaged
- ✓ 1 Pre-X program (Scale Your Startup) complete
- ✓ 1 PitchFest with ~\$7,000 in-kind/cash

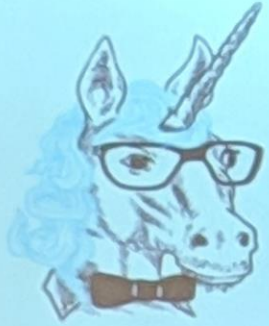






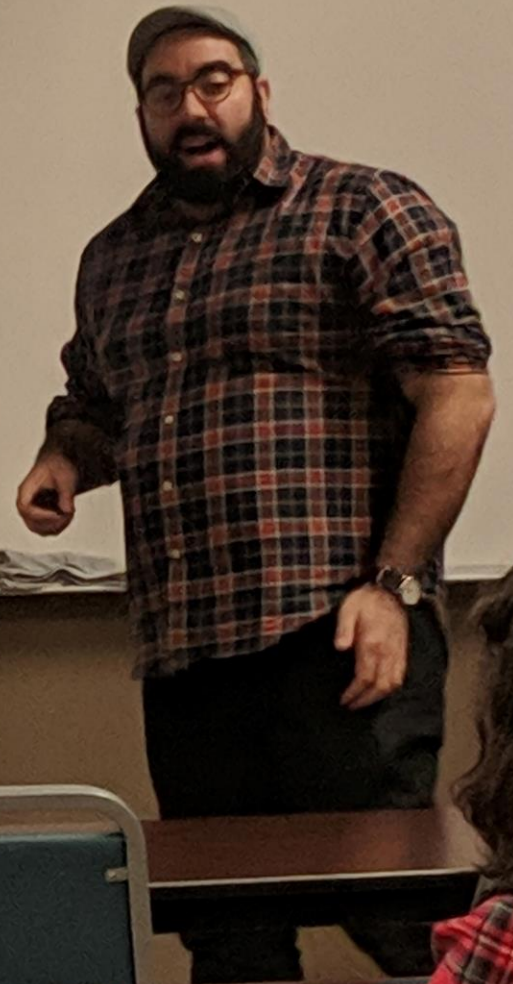


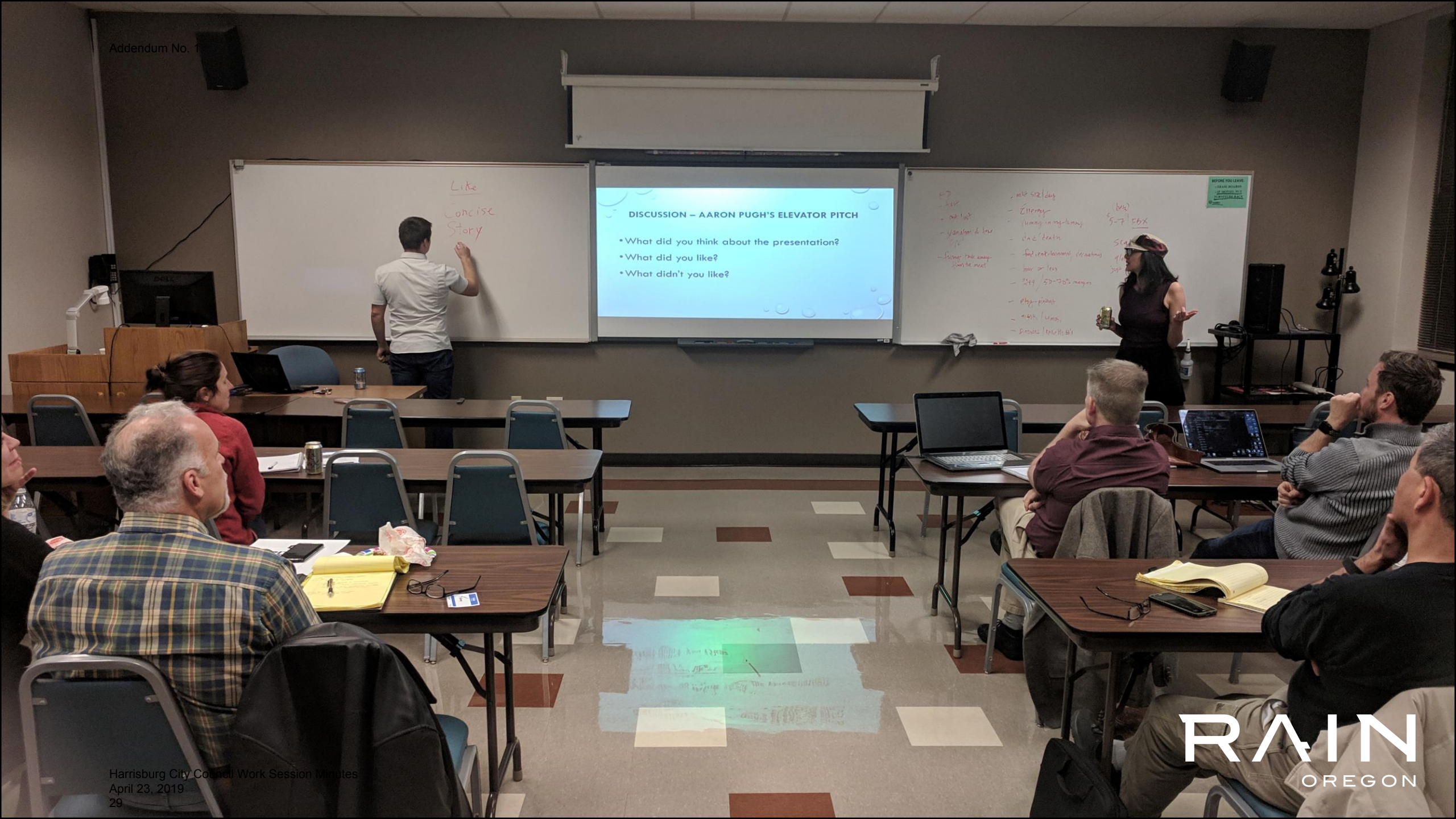




Legal Planning: An Overview of Things to Consider

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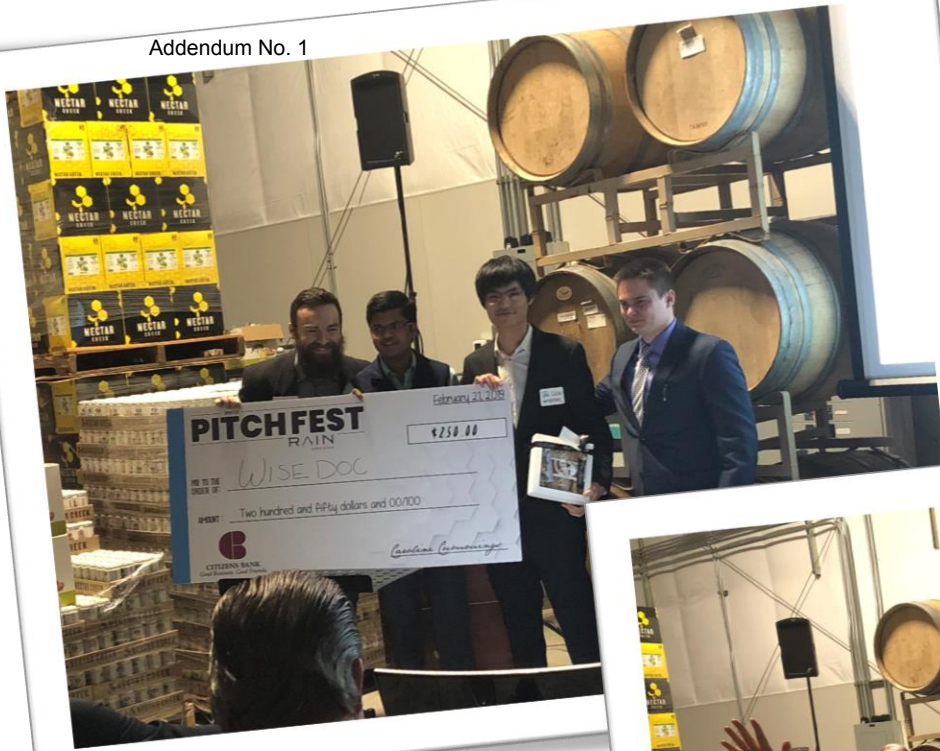
- A “don’t miss” event for entrepreneurs
- Pitch competitions & product demos
- Mix & mingle with entrepreneurs, mentors & investors

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3 Benton Startups
2 Linn Startups

1st Place
from Philomath!





112 people!

portland
seedfund



Angela Jackson What an impressive event, Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN)! Thank you for inviting me to be a part of it. Judges could see your stamp on the companies, **Caroline Cummings** Corey Wright and Sarah Jean. Well done! Nectar Creek meads (and atmosphere) are the bomb! I am excited about my next visit to Philomath!



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"I've been to many pitch events in Portland, and this was the best one I've ever been too! It was worth the trip down to Philomath."



- John Rodgers (Portland Mentor to ARlio)



WINTER PITCHFEST

2019

What's Next in Linn & Benton Counties:



May 2nd
Monroe Library



Wed 8th
Halsey Community Room



May 23rd
J&C BBQ in Lebanon

What's Next in Linn & Benton Counties:



May 26th at 6PM in Harrisburg – THE GALLERY









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Who We Are

- *We provide access to capital to businesses and individuals who do not normally qualify for traditional financing*
- *We are relationship driven with regional offices in Springfield, Corvallis, Salem & Oregon City*
- *We are the only CDFI Loan Fund south of Portland*
- *Capability to lend state-wide*

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What We Offer

- Small Business & Consumer Lending
Loans from \$300 to \$100,000
- Relationship Lending
Technical Assistance and Collaboration
with Borrowers
- Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance
Loan (RMAP)
- Credit Builder Loans

Where do we work and who do we serve?

- Target Markets: Low Income, Targeted Investment Areas & People of Color
- Primary Target Counties: Coos, Douglas, Lane, Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Marion, Clackamas, Multnomah

Historical Loan Impact

- 1300+ loans made
- Totaling: \$6.9 Million
- Over 80% of our loans are made to our Target Markets

How can we help?

- We meet businesses where they are today and help them grow to where they want to be
- Credit challenged, thin financials, start-up businesses, equipment purchase, business expansion
- Help business customers in start-up or growth phases access the capital they need. We visit with them about refinancing in a few years once they're fully lendable so we can then lend out their funds to another business in need.



THANK YOU!

Kenneth Smith – Senior Loan Officer

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