

## Business Roundtable Comments 5-17-05

<b>Company</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Improvement Needed</b>
An Enchanted Chapel	Growth of community—new faces.	Traffic. Marketing-communication-networking-supporting, rather than competing. Improvements to keep up with growth.
Andersen Construction	Location opportunity in metro area. Land opportunity. High-end construction opportunities fueled by growth.	Remain business-friendly. Move priority of I-t crossing so funds can be shifted to higher priority work (Discovery Corridor—134 <sup>th</sup> , 179 <sup>th</sup> , 219-269 <sup>th</sup> ). Regulatory balance.
Auto Consultant / LBAC	Internet leads / BDC. Family growth/relocation to Clark County. Business growth and networking.	Having a local finance company or credit union to offer financing for first timers and temporary employees.
Choice Equities	Population growth.	Ease of permitting. Strong local business paper. Mover family restaurants.
Copy Express	Networking. Mailings. Personal calls (?). Small community feel.	More leads-type meetings. Contact new businesses easily. Communication
Costco	Final Approval for coffee roaster. More people shopping in Vancouver than before.	Gasoline prices need to be stabilized. Continued promotion of “Open for Business.”
Dept. of Labor & Ind.	Willingness of the Clark County Businesses to work with the Dept. of L&I to achieve our common goals.	More educational activities to provide information on the benefits of working with state agencies.
e1 Solutions	Business groth. Government that is willing to work.	Improve visibility. Purchase from Clark County businesses.
EVBA/County Ins.	WSU—4 year. Evergreen School District.	No B&O or Employee Tax-to attract better businesses. Stronger, more sophisticated labor force.
Excalibur Limousine	Networking with other business owners. Growth in rural communities.	Exposure for our business—marketing. Networking. Community networking; community support.
Gentle Dental	Development of middle-upper income housing. Community awareness. Educational options.	Transit. Congested traffic. More career opportunities in Clark Industry development.
Group Mackenzie	Community growth & diversification. Support of local businesses & industries.	Closer partnering of local jurisdictions and governments. Forums for understanding workable growth models in other communities that could be adopted here. Support, growth & enhancement of higher education.
HDSCBA	Business networking & referral system.	Maintaining the current urban growth boundaries to keep our environments and neighborhoods strong. Highway 99 corridor redevelopment and revitalization. Members comment on difficulties in permitting process and

		cost.
HomeStreet Bank	Housing market growth. Public transportation to the bank. County recording services excellent.	Public notices in the Columbian. Educating the public on predatory lending.
Hot Ovations Communications Coaching & Training Co.	Trans-river acceptance. Minimal excise taxes. Ease of networking.	Expansion of employer base. Healthcare access for small businesses. Clean, low-cost events facilities.
Howe Accounting Inc.	Business growth in Clark County is great. No (state) income tax.	Need better roads & transportation access. Health care benefits.
John L. Scott Real Estate	Availability of funds/lenders. Population growth. Livability.	Continued efforts with livability, parks, transportation, jobs. Expand urban growth plan.
Lacamas Life Magazine	The chance to network with business groups.	Better communications among business groups.
Nutral Research & Grete's World	Improvements in Vancouver Downtown.	Trees that need to be trimmed. State & local tax increases. Toll roads.
Ortho Malaysia Inc.	We are really too new of a company to determine what is working for us yet.	Awareness about business operational resources.
Pay Yourself 4 Life	Qwest phone services are very inexpensive for small business long distance.	Insurances for small business; healthcare. Insurance to cover small home-based business.
Rose Ranch Retirement Inn	C-VAN buses. 911.	Simplify County building process. C-VAN buses. Property taxes.
St. Johns Electric	Business remodeling. Growth of area, new outlets.	More building lots for homes. Lower insurance rates-business & individual. Healthcare. Fuel prices.
The Leadership Mentoring Institute	No state income tax. Livability. SWUV. NW Healthcare facility.	Traffic congestion. Better health insurance for self-employed. Hi-Tech attraction. Downtown rejuvenation.
Vancouver City Council	I am attending to have a chance to listen to the discussion of issues and concerns facing business in Clark Co. so I can better understand.	
Wells Fargo	Name recognition.	Relationship bank.