Minutes
GCESG: Small Business Committee Meeting
May 5th, 2020 9:30 am - 10:30 am

1. Attendees:
Representative James Coleman, Glenn Plagens, Wendy Lea, Brad Feld

2. Meeting Minutes:
- Discussion of recommendation cycle and consolidation of all the recommendations to the Council.
  - The latest batch was submitted on Friday, May 1st.
  - The recommendations fall into three (3) categories:
    1. **Federal** – things that would be recommended to the federal delegation
    2. **Legislative** – things that are recommended to the legislature by the Governor
    3. **Executive Order** – things he (Governor Polis) can do by Executive Order.
  - Glenn Plagens’ understanding is that the Council is looking to aggregate all of them together, look for duplicates, put them back in front of the committees, make sure they’re good and actionable, and then they’ll be given to the Governor.
  - It’s expected that the list will be finalized by Monday, May 18th.
    - Once the set of recommendations is approved, Brad to ensure that the committee shares them with Representative James Coleman and Representative Kevin Van Winkle.
    - The Representatives are encouraged to provide feedback and to voice any concerns.
- Discussion of Energize Colorado’s initiative rollout throughout the month of May.
  - These specific initiatives were created to support Coloradans and are targeted at small business owners, women and minority-led businesses.
  - The following four (4) initiatives were discussed:
    1. **Mentorship** – officially launched on Friday, May 1st. Over 120 mentors have already signed up. Those mentors will be matched with small business owners and entrepreneurs either on an on demand or long-term basis.
    2. **Mental Wellness** – Energize Colorado is working to develop partnerships that will help deliver a wave of capability at no cost. It will comprise of therapists and clinicians who are available to help for free.
    3. **Reopening** – this initiative is specifically aimed at making PPE available to local businesses and rural hospitals.
      a. The Marketplace (which sells gloves, hand sanitizer and masks) is located on the Energize Colorado website under “Get Supplies”. 
The goal is to provide the supplies with a focus on business to business. Within it you can be tax exempt or regular. Critical PPE will continue to be added and there’s no markup or revenue dynamics.

b. There will be a series of workshops and templates that allow businesses, by segment (i.e. Restaurants, Retail) to get guidelines on how best to prepare to reopen.

4. **Energize Colorado Gap Fund** – not yet public, still finalizing some governance issues. It will be launched later this month.

3. Action Items:
   - **Glenn Plagens** to send an email to determine whether the approved list of recommendations will be shared with all of the Legislatures across all of the committees. Distributing them in this fashion this would allow the Representatives to have functional things to focus on.
   - **Wendy Lea** to share a couple of paragraphs about Energize Colorado’s initiatives (Mentorship, Mental Wellness, Reopening & PPE/Supplies) with Representative James Coleman so that he can touch on them during his next Town Hall.