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**Commerce Programs** – continued consulting on TRI opportunities for Projects GEPP and Radio.

**Business Attraction** – Evaluating new project to provide practical mechanisms to support the growing gig economy. Initial focus on establishing a "Creative Collective" for design, web, PR, marketing, and other independent consultants to provide a forum for gaining exposure and helping attract projects.

Potential new impact investor looking at large potential 100 unit + housing in North Valley.

Project GEP experiencing significant public push back on new Ketchum hotel project during current Ketchum City Council review process; we have offered advocacy support through economic impact analysis.

Several banks planning entry into the area. In addition to Farmers in Bellevue, Idaho First Bank and Idaho Central Credit Union are looking to set up operations.

Tracking the purchase of the King's property in Hailey through the listing broker. The buyer requested an additional two months diligence period to ensure building layout will work for them. The buyer has not been disclosed but is described by the broker as a 'well-known retailer' that he thinks the community will be very happy with.

**Business Expansion** – Limelight Hotel, Hazlette Wealth Management.

Visited with 2 other companies for in depth discussion of state of business, growth prospects, access to talent and other critical issues of concern.

Scheduled membership renewals with funding support from a further 2 companies

(see the spreadsheet for the full lists)

**Business Retention** – Continued to work on SVED's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Summit around the theme of building a better economy for those who live it.

Safe Haven Senior Care announced it has accepted a purchase offer, subject to bankruptcy court approval, that will ensure this critical piece of infrastructure continues to operate in Blaine County.

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**Business Creation –** Continued progress on SV Culinary Institute startup:

- Continued facility retrofit
- Continued fundraising
- Awarded IWDC Innovation Grant for \$25,000 subject to Executive Committee confirmation

Placemaking - na

**Training** – participated in SIED mini-summit on workforce training, housing and brownfields

**Other** – Approved providing administrative support of Tourism Coalition for potential BID/TID campaign to fund increased marketing activities; support services to include banking, bill payment and bookkeeping.

Delivered 3Q Members Forum on State of the Economy and Talent Attraction to 30 members.

Interviewed 3-4 potential board candidates with goal to increase youth and diversity.

Built panel structure and participants for 2019 Economic Summit on "Bridging the Gaps in our Resort Community: Building an Economy for those that Live It

## **Summary Highlights**

- Six new business projects actively progressing
- Continued progress to culinary institute implementation
- Planning for 3Q Forum and Annual Summit