



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 2023

This meeting was conducted in person in the Council Chambers at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Bobbi Harrison called the meeting to order 8:12am

Commissioners: Chair Bobbi Harrison, Louis Washington, Joelle Gibson, Sherry Jennings, Rob McDonald and Larry Mana'o.

Councilmember Rob Wotton, Kelly Coughlin from the Chamber of Commerce, and Amy Biggs from Snoqualmie Valley Transportation were also in attendance.

City Staff: Jason Rogers, Senior Planner; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Katherine Ross, Mayor; Mike Sauerwein, City Administrator.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 18, 2023 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Amy Biggs presents on what services the non-profit Snoqualmie Valley Transportation provides and how transportation plays a role with accessibility in the context of housing, income disparity, and travel time.
- The Commission discusses the Business Visitation Program. There is a discussion on what methodology they will use to gather data and how to compile the feedback that is received.
- The 2023 Work Program is updated to reflect previous items that went unresolved. Items added to the program are as follows: Kiosks, Snoqualmie Ridge Neighborhood Center signage and business discussion, Business Visitation Program, Urban Growth Area planning, and Tourism.
- Staff gives an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update and what involvement is required regarding economic development related topics.

DISCUSSION

- Community Liaison Update: Not much funding left from the Port of Seattle grant, discussing and looking for new funding opportunities. There has been delays in LTAC, a meeting date has been set. The arts commission has shifted and is revamping their priorities.
- Chamber Update: Wedding and tourism guides were passed out last year for the first time with great returns; estimated 30-40 weddings. There are plans to make the guides more inclusive this year. The block party this year is September 9th and there will be an emphasis to showcase the diversity that is within Snoqualmie.
- Community Development Update: Staff reported on the major projects that are currently going through the permitting process.

- Mayor's Report: There was a resignation on the City Council, subsequently, a spot on the board is open.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:52am