

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING November 6, 2023

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid in-person and remote meeting; the in-person option was in the Council Chambers at Snoqualmie City Hall, and the remote participation option was using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Committee Members:

Chair Jo Johnson, Councilmember Cara Christensen, and Councilmember James Mayhew were present.

Mayor Ross and Councilmember Wotton were also present.

City Staff:

Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Ashley Wragge, Planning Technician; Jonathan Kesler, Senior Planner; Andy Latham, IT Systems Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

MINUTES

1. Committee approved the minutes for October 16, 2023.

AGENDA BILLS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Council Priority Tracker

The following items of discussion were added: Affordable housing, with a three-pronged approach of looking at city lands, city funds, and city policy; projects to support tourism, examples include downtown retail expansion and riverwalk; desired features in the UGA; Comprehensive Plan; human services, what gaps to fill. The following columns were discussed as useful: the intended outcome; the purpose.

3. Affordable Housing

The Snoqualmie Valley Affordable Housing Taskforce met and shared objectives and created a "menu of strategies" of ways to create affordable housing for consideration by the Community Development Committee and City Council. A timeline for a RFP/RFQ, including action items was also discussed. Discussion ensued about options to encourage the creation of affordable housing including the potential allocation of city funds for housing projects, what the City is

willing to offer to attract developers and consider flexibility in zoning height. The Taskforce is going to go out and solicit some level of interest to ensure there is a bountiful group replying to an RFP/RFQ. Discussion will be continued at next roundtable housing meeting.

- 4. Economic Development Recommendation Committee agreed to move to November 20, 2023, meeting due to time constraints.
- 5. Housing Recommendation Committee agreed to move to November 20, 2023, meeting due to time constraints.
- 6. Land Use Recommendation Committee agreed to move to November 20, 2023, meeting due to time constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM

Minutes by Ashley Wragge, Planning Technician Recorded meeting audio is available on the City website after the meeting. Minutes approved at the November 20, 2023, Community Development Meeting.