



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2023

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mike Chambless called the meeting to order 8:01 a.m.

Commissioners

Joelle Gibson, Kristina Hudson, Nichole Pas, Paula Shively, and Adrian Webb were present.

Rob McDonald was absent.

Councilmember Rob Wotton was also present.

City Staff: Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Mike Chambless; City Administrator; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Ashley Wragge, Planning Technician; Andrew Jongekryg, IT Systems Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 20, 2024 minutes were approved.

LIAISON REPORTS

Community Liaison

Recounting the timeline of events regarding the fire downtown and updated the commission on the status of the businesses.

Council Liaison

Update on the Snoqualmie Valley Economic Alliance. Discussion on grant writing and proposals.

SPECIAL ORDERS

EDC Chair Request for SMC Amendments

The letter proposes changes to the retail time allowance and new retail ratio requirements. The Community Development Committee recommended 70-100% for retail requirements to be

discussed, increase the vacancy period, and propose new definitions of retail. Discussion of current definitions of retail and precedent for retail changes, what the impacts of lengthening the vacancy period, who is involved in this discussion, and what is the timeline.

OLD BUSINESS

Business Visitation Update and Strategy

This will be brought back at the staff level through roundtables and anonymous surveys, it could be an opportunity to gather data. Discussion on how comfortable business owners would feel with sharing information.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEMS OF COMMISSIONER INTEREST

None.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Work Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.