



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Bobbi Harrison called the meeting to order 8:03am

Commissioners: Chair Bobbi Harrison, Joelle Gibson, Larry Mana’o, Shalabh Chandra and Nicole Pas.

Kelly Coughlin, from the Chamber of Commerce, was also present.

City Staff: Emily Arteche, Community Development Director, David Goodman, Senior Planner; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 17th and June 21st minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION

- Community Liaison Update: Kickoff summer events, movies moved to Jennie Hanson Park, Arts commission update and ridge merchant group has been created. The Fourth of July event was well attended and went into business implications/ communications.
- Community Development Report: Seven major projects are going on, one is the model train meeting, new business on the ridge, public hearing for the final subdivision on the ridge, storage building, and the rails project. Discussed communicating business needs when paving.
- Chamber Update: Port of Seattle and cruise line meeting on tourism and business sales, annual Search for Sasquatch, luncheon in September about impacts of AI, young professionals group, a mural festival in 2024, small business creation meeting, and regenerative destination planning regarding.
- Mayor’s Report: No report.
- Council Update: No update.

NEW BUSINESS

- Economic Development Policy Review: Staff proposed the final batch of new policies, redrafted old policies, reviewed the goal and vision statements, and discussed sending a recommendation to the Planning Commission for review once all commissioners look over the document.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:37am