



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 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 8:00am

Commissioners: Chair Bobbi Harrison, Rob McDonald, Joelle Gibson, Nichole Pas and Larry Mana’o.

Councilmember Rob Wotton was also present.

Commissioners Ryan Seal and Shalabh Chandra were absent.

City Staff: Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Mike Chambless; Interim 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: September 20, 2023 minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION

- Community Liaison Update: Meeting with the Ridge Merchant Group is going well. Both merchant groups will be participating in a trick or treat event. Holiday lighting is starting with lights being up by Thanksgiving at the latest and running through February.
- Community Development Report: No significant changes in development. Timber trails subdivision review is done and they will be applying for permits soon. Open house for the Comprehensive Plan will be happening today. EDC goals and policies are being reviewed at Community Development Committee currently.
- Chamber Update: No update.
- Mayor’s Report: A couple events- manufacturing day and Spacelabs community days. Parkway is complete, the striping is getting cleaned up. The committee will decide soon if the Parkway transfer topic is going to legislature. The splashpad is approved. The pool presentation to Council will be on October 23 with proposals.

NEW BUSINESS

- Selection of New Chair: Consideration given toward selecting a new chair in the new year. No term limits, just encouraged.
- Housing Taskforce Roundtable Update: Councilmember Wotton shared what strategies the taskforce discussed for affordable housing. Primary topics covered were city owned property, in-fill, multi-family housing preservation, and supportive housing.
- Business Visitation Update: Commissioners will begin having conversations with local businesses and share findings with staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 am