



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 16, 2026

This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Chair Washington called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Louis Washington, Jo Johnson, and Dan Murphy were present.

Mayor James Mayhew was also present.

City Staff:

Dena Burke, City Attorney; Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Rebecca Solem, Temp. Executive Assistant; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL – The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Andre Testamin, Chair of the Planning Commission and Snoqualmie resident, introduced himself to the committee and expressed appreciation for the support provided by community and Economic Development Director Davis. He noted he is attending to observe and take notes on council committee priorities as part of his learning process in commission service.

MINUTES – The minutes dated February 17, 2026, were approved as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

1. Department Structure | Staffing Update –

Community and Economic Development Director Davis provided an overview of the current department structure, noting that the planning technician role has been reclassified as an Associate Planner, with the planning technician function added to the permit planning technician position. Additional resources will be needed in the areas of economic development, code enforcement, and grant writing. Chair Washington expressed interest in bringing more functions in house, including land-use planning.

2. KCFCD ILA Update –

Director Davis provided an update on the \$500,000 King County Flood Control District ILA, which expired on December 31, 2025. Following the December flood and increased interest in home elevations, staff worked with King County to reconcile multiple historic elevation lists, coordinating with the department of Revenue and the County's flood basin manager to compile a new master list. To support residents effectively, staff recommended renewing the ILA with a longer term, as a one-year window is insufficient for contracting, surveying, bidding, and construction. Members agreed this approach is reasonable given past staff reductions that contributed to delays.

3. Community Development Committee Priorities – Planning Commission Discussion

Director Davis reviewed Planning Commission duties and the February priority list, noting Comprehensive Plan amendments remain the top focus due to conditional certification. Staffing constraints continue to be the main bottleneck. Johnson urged revisiting parking minimums and advancing other code updates. Murphy emphasized education on housing needs, zoning tools, and required versus optional actions. Chair Washington supported broader land-use and UGA education and noted an upcoming consultant RFP. Additional priorities include affordable and workforce housing. PSRC will be asked to hold two training sessions, one on regional housing tools and one specific to Snoqualmie’s assigned requirements. The committee identified Comprehensive Plan amendments and education on land use, housing, and UGA strategy as key next steps.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION –

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm

*Minutes prepared by Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant.
Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.
Minutes approved at the April 6, 2026 Community Development Committee Meeting.*