



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

### MAY 15, 2024

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

#### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Emily Arteche called the meeting to order 8:06 a.m.

**Commissioners:** Joelle Gibson, Kristina Hudson, Nichole Pas, Paula Shively, and Rob McDonald.

Adrian Webb was absent.

**City Staff:** Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; 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

April 17, 2024 minutes were approved.

#### LIAISON REPORTS

##### Community Liaison

None.

##### Council Liaison

None.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

##### Election of the Chair

Kristina Hudson was nominated.

Unanimous ayes. No nays.

Kristina Hudson is the new EDC Chair.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SMC 17.37 Downtown Historic District Overlay Amendments**

This topic was revisited after further outreach with the Downtown and Ridge Merchant Association. Based on feedback, staff proposal includes 90% retail requirements, 180-day vacancy period, and reconsider the definition to add “sale of taxable goods or merchandise”. Discussion ensues about vacancy and lease changes, extending the retail requirements zone, and update language about best faith effort.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **ITEMS OF COMMISSIONER INTEREST**

None.

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

### **Roundtable Schedule**

Move the June meeting to June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion about July roundtable.

August meeting will be put back on the schedule.

### **Work Program**

Commission wishes to have a retreat to discuss what they want to work on in the work program.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.