



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HYBRID MEETING

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 8:00 AM

Snoqualmie City Hall, 38624 SE River Street & Zoom

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair: Bobbi Harrison

Commissioners: Shalabh Chandra, Joelle Gibson, Larry Mana'o, Rob McDonald, Nichole Pas, and Ryan Seal

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MINUTES

1. [Approval of the minutes dated September 20, 2023](#)

OLD BUSINESS

2. Community Liaison Report
3. Chamber of Commerce Report
4. [Community Development Report](#)
5. Mayor's Report

NEW BUSINESS

6. Selection of New Chair
7. Housing Taskforce Roundtable Update
8. Business Visitation Update

ADJOURNMENT



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Bobbi Harrison called the meeting to order 8:10am

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

Mayor Ross, councilmember Rob Wotton, and Kelly Coughlin, Chamber of Commerce were also present.

Commissioners Joelle Gibson (excused) and Shalabh Chandra were 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: June 21, 2023 and July 19, 2023 minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION

- Community Liaison Update: The Ridge merchant group is going well; the block party was a success and some new ideas will be implemented next year; hearing public support for pool/ splash pad; Halloween events are upcoming.
- Community Development Report: No new major projects, the comp plan is progressing through commissions and committees and the current wireless permit was reviewed by a hearing examiner. A potential business applicant was inquiring about business ideas.
- Chamber Update: Concern over SR18 commutes and the businesses losing workers. Chamber meeting on September 27th at 11:30am at The Club about AI development. Art on the Rails is coming up.
- Mayor’s Report: The hearing about the transfer of the parkway to state jurisdiction is coming up soon. Council will meet with Snoqualmie Tribe soon for continued discussion about the museum. Mayor asked EDC to write letter for funding support and to draft slides for a presentation on EDC accomplishments at council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Economic Development Alliance: King County staff and Councilmember Wotton presented an economic alliance MOU to unite the upper King County cities. This MOU will help with obtaining grants and other funding opportunities.
- EDC Recommendation to the Planning Commission: An additional draft policy about a “anchor point” downtown was added at the request of the Planning Commission.
- Business Visitation Discussion: A goal was created for two business visitations per month. The chair will help with designating which business each commissioner will visit.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 am



Community Development Department

Item 4.

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September 2023

Building Permit Activity

Permit applications to the Community Development Department remain relatively low. Inspections are picking up as a number of homes are under construction in the recently-approved Snoqualmie Ridge II Plat 29/Cascade Pointe.

Building	September 2023	YTD
Permit Applications	56	430
Permits Issued	40	405
Total Inspections	59	683

Planning	September, 2023	YTD
Business Licenses	12	51
Pre Applications	0	6
Sign Permits	0	5

Boards and Commissions:

- Planning Commission 9/5 and 9/25 – completed work the land use element, goals and policies and a recommendation will be forward to the CD Committee for September. Proposed Ordinance 1279, regarding the ADU Amendments to the Code had received the requisite public hearing in August.
- Community Development Committee, 9/18 - reviewed proposed Ordinance 1279; first reading of the Ordinance occurred at the 9/25 City Council Meeting.

Land Use Planning Projects:

NWRM: The applicant would like to clear and grade the property to expand the existing museum to include a roundhouse.

Timber Trails (Plat 30): Preliminary approval was granted by the Hearing Examiner in July 2023 to subdivide a parcel into 46 single-family residential (duplexes and townhomes) lots.

Model Train Museum/Park: In December 2022 the Council authorized the Mayor to approval a Memorandum of Understanding, to develop a park/museum on City property which will showcase a model train. The proposed project includes a 20,000 square foot building, outdoor parking, community event space, a gift shop and other interactive features as well as an outdoor recreational park with picnic benches and other improvements. The City Council met in August with representatives of model train and approved an extension to the timeline of project of three months before moving forward with an approval of the draft lease and development agreement.

The Rails: City Staff are reviewing a building permit from Tracy Hovinga for the vacant parcel, 784920-1430. The proposed project would construct a 3-story mixed use building including 11 apartments, approximately 2,000 square feet of retail/office space, and associated parking and other site improvements.

Snoqualmie Ridge Self-Storage: City Staff are reviewing a building permit for the expansion of Snoqualmie Ridge Self-Storage. The applicant proposes to expand the existing self-storage facility by constructing a new 3-story building with approximately 29,000 square feet of floor space to replace the existing RV storage area in the northwest corner of the property.

Crabb Commerical: City Staff are reviewing a building permit for a new commerical building on Railroad Avenue. The proposed development is a 2 story building , 2632 square feet.

Wireless Permit: City Staff are reviewing a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication facility on the top of an existing building located on Center Blvd. SE. A public hearing on the project was held in September and a Hearing Examiner recommendation for approval was sent to the City Council. A Council meeting is scheuduled for October 9, 2023.

Comprehensive Plan Outreach: Over 350 total public comments have been recieved from open houses, business roundtables, surveys, the Ridge Business Owners and the Snoqualmie Tribe. The Planning Commission has made recommendations to the Community Developent Committee on the land use element. The Economic Development and Housing elements are moving through the Planning Commission. A second open house is schedule in mid-October for additional public participation.

Events, Engagement, Marketing and Tourism:

- Halloween Festival 10/30/23
- Egg Hunt 3/29/24
- Daddy Dash 4/19/24
- Graduation and Carnival 6/5/24