



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2023

This meeting was conducted in person in the Council Chambers at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Bobbi Harrison called the meeting to order 8:02am

Commissioners: Chair Bobbi Harrison, Joelle Gibson, Sherry Jennings, Rob McDonald, and Ryan Seal.

Councilmembers Rob Wotton, Cara Christensen, and James Mayhew were in attendance. Jason Thibedeau, Kelly Coughlin, and Jennifer Kirk were also in attendance.

City Staff: Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Jason Rogers, Senior Planner; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Katherine Ross, Mayor; Perry Phipps, Police Chief; Mike Sauerwein, City Administrator.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR: Sherry Jennings nominates Bobbi Harrison and Harrison accepts the nomination. Unanimous votes for Bobbi Harrison to continue as Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 16, 2022 minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION

- Community Liaison Update: There is a lot of planning and forecasting for the year happening right now and LTAC funding is coming soon.
- Chamber Update: Ribbon cutting for Beyond Laser and skincare and next week King Country filmworks and state filmworks are coming to the community to visit with councilmembers.

NEW BUSINESS

- CD Staff talked about the Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan and showed a PSRC video on regional economic data trends. Jason Thibedeau from PSRC presented a guide to the Economic Development Element and gave some specifics to Snoqualmie.
- Jennifer Kirk from Reclaim presented on local homelessness services and data about how their model has been changing due to change in demographics. She discussed how lack of affordable housing is impacting homelessness and their current service level. They have a close relationship with SPD appreciate the behavioral health professional on staff.
- Police presented on local safety and low staffing continues to be issue (rely on overtime) but police maintains the 'no call too small' policy. There has been an increase in more need for use of force, police theorizes this is because of the increase in the amount of people struggling. They are trying to service those in need more.
- Staff presented on the 2023 work program for the Economic Development Commission. The work program is flexible based on concerns, but the major item is the Comprehensive Plan update.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am