



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING

November 20, 2023

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*This meeting was conducted as a hybrid in-person and remote meeting; the in-person option was in the Council Chambers at Snoqualmie City Hall, and the remote participation option was using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom.*

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

**Committee Members:**

Chair Jo Johnson, Councilmember Cara Christensen, and Councilmember James Mayhew were present.

Mayor Ross, Councilmembers Wotton and Benson were also present.

**City Staff:**

Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Ashley Wragge, Planning Technician; Andy Latham, IT Systems Support.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.

**MINUTES**

1. Committee approved the minutes for November 6, 2023 after amending agenda item three.

**AGENDA BILLS**

2. Annual Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Plan  
November 8<sup>th</sup> recertification was submitted. This is in an effort to lower the CRS classification.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Land Use Recommendation  
Forward to council in January with revisions from PSRC.
4. Economic Development Recommendation  
Concerns that data may be out of date due to it predating Covid. Discussion addressed the low number of people who work and live in the community and how the Economic Development Commission brought that into consideration when drafting the goals and policies.  
Recommended to Council for review in January.
5. Economic Development Commission Letters of Support  
Two letters of support this year were signed. One recommended joining the Economic Alliance of valley cities following a presentation about the no-cost partnership. An agenda bill will be

drafted in the future to authorize Mayor Ross to sign the alliance document. The other letter was in support of the community center expansion.

6. EDC Liaison Report to the Committee  
Discussion opened with recommending that the new council liaison to the EDC be on the Community Development Committee to help facilitate the flow of information. EDC is looking for ways to strengthen economic development in the city and for more specific guidance with issues/ tasks. Two topics of interest to the EDC are the downtown business community, specifically the use of retail space, and lengthen the time between tenants before a change in use is used since current policy is not helping retail.
7. Housing Recommendation  
Committee agreed to move to December 4, 2023 meeting due to time constraints.
8. Council Priority Tracker  
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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM

#### **CITY OF SNOQUALMIE**

*Minutes by Ashley Wragge, Planning Technician*

*Recorded meeting audio is available on the City website after the meeting.*

*Minutes approved at the \_\_\_\_\_ Community Development Meeting.*