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MEMORANDUM

To: Community Development Committee
From: Emily Arteche, Director of Community Development Department
Date: November 4, 2023
Subject: Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan Update – Economic Development Element

Introduction

The Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) requires King County and cities within King County to update their comprehensive plans on or before December 31, 2024. RCW 36.70A.070 (7) Comprehensive plans, identifies an economic development element as establishing local goals, policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life. The Snoqualmie municipal Code, SMC 2.22.070 (B), states that the economic development commission (EDC) shall prepare an economic development element for the Snoqualmie vicinity comprehensive plan in accordance with SMC 2.22.080, and from time to time to recommend amendments thereto.

Background

This item was first introduced at August 12, 2022 EDC meeting where staff explained to the EDC that current plan is organized into a [Vision and Policy Element](#) (#1), and individual subject elements; the [Economic Development Element](#) is #3. The EDC considered updates to the goals, objectives, and policies related to economic development in Element 1, and updates to the supporting information and implementation strategies in Element 3.

To assist in providing more background on economic development regional data trends training was provided from Puget Sound Regional Council, PSRC including, Passport to 2044 Economic Development was first presented on 9/7/2022. Following the training US census data specific to Snoqualmie was presented and discussed by PSRC Program Manager – Economic Development Jason Thibedeau along with a copy of the Economic Development Element Guidebook, dated February 2022. The guide helps assist cities to develop a brand-new economic development element, or ways strengthen or update existing elements. It recognizes that communities have different types of opportunities and lays out necessary steps, with example goals and policies to help lead the EDC through the economic development planning process.

NEXT STEPS

Discuss signed draft goal and policy recommendations shown in Attachment 3.

Resources:

Link to PSRC Passport Economic Development: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_YR1zhsSak

Attachment 1: Snoqualmie US Census Data, from Previous Presentation on Snoqualmie Demographics

Attachment 2: Economic Development Element Guidebook (PSRC)

Attachment 3: Recommended Economic Development Element Draft Goals and Policies

Attachment 4: Economic Development Element Evolution Spreadsheet