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City Council Land Use & Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Executive Conference Room

Meeting Report

Attendees:

Committee Members: Councilmember Emery; Councilmember Wheeler;
Councilmember Whelpley

City Staff: Planning Manager Pickus and Associate Planner Ritter

Guests: Snohomish County Tourism Bureau Executive Director Amy Spain and
Sports Development Director Tammy Dunn

Meeting Objective:

1. Approve Meeting Notes of March 16, 2016 meeting

The Meeting Notes of March 16, 2016 were approved

2. Presentation by Amy Spain, Executive Director, Snohomish County Tourism Bureau

Amy provided an overview of the tourism bureau's annual report. She pointed out the bureau is funded through the lodging tax and that the state does not provide any funds. She discussed how much money tourism brings to the county.

Tammy described the sports aspect of the bureau and mentioned Mukilteo's new badminton facility will be hosting a national tournament in July. She also stated the Boy's & Girl's Club has applied for tourism dollars to help pay for their new building in Mukilteo.

3. Discussion about sunset provisions for interim commercial parking lots in the Downtown Business zoning district

Planning Manager Pickus described how Mukilteo Municipal Code requires interim commercial parking lots in the DB zone to close by Dec. 31, 2016 and that the code does not allow permanent commercial parking lots in the DB zone. There are currently two interim lots in DB, the Elcon lot and the Arts Building lot. Mr. Decker, operator of the Elcon lot has requested the code be amended to allow interim commercial lots to continue operating after Dec. 31, 2016.

There was discussion about revenue the lots generate for the City.

The committee reached a consensus that extending the sunset date for the parking lots to 2019 or 2020 or tied to when the new ferry terminal becomes operational would be a good idea.

4. Discussion about allowing coffee roasters in the Downtown Business zoning district

Planning Manager Pickus described how a coffee roaster is interested in moving into an existing building in the DB zone. However, MMC currently doesn't allow coffee roasters in the DB. Staff suggested a coffee roaster might be a compatible use for the DB if it was associated with a tasting room, restaurant, or retail store.

The committee reached a consensus that a coffee roaster is too industrial of a use to allow in the DB, especially regarding odors that they can generate. They did not think amending the code to allow them in DB would be a good idea.