



Land Use & Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

(MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM)

Meeting Notes

Committee Attendees

Present: Councilmember Champion (Committee Chair), Council Vice President
Kneller (arrived 4:35pm)

Absent: Councilmember Marine

Other Attendees

Snohomish County Councilmember Megan Dunn

Kandace Barnes, President and CEO, Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Gregerson

City Administrator Powers

Community Development Director Osaki

1. Paine Field - Commercial Aviation

Snohomish County Councilperson Megan Dunn was in attendance to discuss commercial aviation, especially as it relates to Paine Field. Councilperson Dunn mentioned the County Airport Master Plan Update process that has just started. The County's most recent Airport Master Plan was completed in 2002 and was approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 2003.

The County's Master Plan Update time horizon will be 20 years. The Plan Update is funded by a \$2.6 million FAA grant. The update process started in November 2020 and will take about two to two and a half years to complete.

County Councilperson Dunn discussed the Washington State Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC). The CACC currently is to make a recommendation to the State legislature on a new primary commercial aviation facility by January 1, 2022. County Councilperson Dunn is aware that the CACC intends to request a time extension to complete its work.

Councilperson Dunn also mentioned the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) aviation baseline study and survey, which was included in the LU&ED Committee's packet.

Councilperson Dunn talked about inviting the LU&ED Committee to a future County Council meeting to discuss airport planning.

There was discussion about aviation industry economic impacts. Councilperson Dunn discussed the Snohomish County Economic and Workforce Recovery Task Force's work.

Councilmember Champion mentioned that future growth in the region is expected to be directed along the I-5 corridor. A location for a new airport 30 years from now should take into consideration where this future growth will take place and where the population will be at that time.

Council Vice President Kneller asked about the maximum capacity of Paine Field given its location and constraints on expansion. Councilmember Dunn stated she will find out more about that.

Additional discussion included whether Propeller Airports is looking to expand and, if so, what the County would do in response to such a request.

2. Economic Recovery

Kandace Barnes, Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, presented the results of a recently conducted Chamber of Commerce business survey.

The business survey sought to assess the current state of the business community given the pandemic. Certain survey questions were intended to allow for a comparison to similar questions asked in a Chamber of Commerce business survey conducted in March of this year.

The Chamber of Commerce business survey included businesses from both inside and outside of the 98275 zip code. Chamber President and CEO Barnes' presentation focused on responses from those businesses in the 98275 zip code.

Financial assistance was the significant need identified by businesses at this time. Online/social media assistance was also identified as a high priority.

The LU&ED Committee asked if the survey results for businesses in Mukilteo were similar to results from businesses outside of the City. Chamber President and CEO Barnes responded yes.

Discussion included how businesses might be able to access online/social media technical assistance, whether there might be grant opportunities to help businesses pay for Chamber memberships, and outreach to businesses owners whose primary language is not English.

Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Barnes mentioned that the Chamber had recently applied for grant funding to assist the Chamber in undertaking some limited strategic planning. The limitation is based on the requirement that the grant funds, which only became available near the end of November, be expended by the end of this calendar year. If funded, it is possible that Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Barnes may have information to share about this project at the next LU&ED Committee meeting.

3. Other

The LU&ED Committee discussed whether to hold a January 5, 2021 Committee meeting given that there may be a change in Committee membership in late January 2021.

The LU&ED Committee decided it would go ahead and meet to identify ideas and issues for the next LU&ED Committee members to consider in order to maintain continuity on various topics.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM via Zoom.

January 5, 2021 Agenda Items

- Economic Recovery Update
- LU&ED - Committee Continuity for next LU&ED Committee