



Land Use & Economic Development Committee

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022
5:30pm**

(MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM)

Meeting Notes

Land Use & Economic Development Committee Attendees

Present: Councilmember Harris
Council President Schmalz (Alternate; Attended part of the meeting)

Absent: Councilmember Emery
Councilmember Harris

Other Attendees

Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kandace Barnes
Mayor Marine
City Administrator Powers
Community Development Director Osaki

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

Meeting Objectives:

1. Economic Recovery

Councilmember Harris mentioned that he saw a Skagit County Economic Recovery Plan ("Plan") prepared by the County's Associate Development Organization (ADO). The Plan was a framework to address business needs and included recommendations and costs to implement the recommendations. Councilmember Harris stated that he was impressed by the Plan's content.

Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kandace Barnes mentioned she has been following the Port's Committee work on the Waterfront.

Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Barnes also mentioned that the Chamber occasionally gets contacted by organizations and companies interested in finding available local commercial and industrial space for lease. She has found that there is no centralized source for this information that businesses can access.

In response to this need, the Chamber of Commerce will be creating a page on its website where available leasable commercial and industrial space can be posted for free. Businesses looking for space can then access this webpage.

Councilmember Harris thanked Commerce President and CEO Barnes for identifying this as a need and responding to it. Mayor Marine mentioned that all involved can talk to commercial realtors and make sure that they know about this opportunity.

2. Waterfront Update

Community Development Director Osaki briefly updated the LU&ED Committee on certain waterfront activities. Included in the update was the Port of Everett (“Port”) permit submittal to implement publicly available park improvements and also to allow Ivar’s to offer seasonal outdoor dining for up to 40 seats. The Port of Everett’s proposal is on Port owned property between Ivar’s and Losvar condominiums. The Downtown Waterfront Master Plan identifies this area as the “Speedway Pocket Park”.

Community Development Director Osaki mentioned that the City continues to work with Washington State Ferries (WSF) to close out the project. All necessary life-safety issues were completed prior to the ferry terminal’s December 2020 opening. Since the ferry terminal’s opening, work has continued on completing non-life-safety requirements such as landscaping and financial guarantees for maintenance of certain improvements. A Final Certificate of Occupancy for the ferry terminal relocation project is pending completion of these and other final items.

Consultant design work for the Japanese Gulch Daylighting project at the 100% level was completed in December 2021. The City has received additional state funding (\$200,000) to proceed with project permitting. Consultant selection and a contract for the permitting work still needs to occur. There are, however, no funds secured for project construction.

Earlier this year NOAA was working with the various tribes, the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer and interested parties on an archaeological/cultural resources monitoring and inadvertent discovery plan agreement associated with building demolition. Current NOAA plans are to demolish the Mukilteo Research Station and fence the site to address safety concerns with the vacant building/site, possibly as early as this Spring.

Community Development Director Osaki responded to a Committee question as to what NOAA had planned for a promenade on its property, prior to discontinuing with the project.

3. Historic Commission Update

Community Development Director Osaki provided the LU&ED Committee with an update of the Historic Commission’s (“Commission”) work. He mentioned that the seven member Commission started meeting in January 2022, after having not met for what appears to be the 1990’s.

The Commission has been working on organizational matters. To date, the Commission has been informed of Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) training, has drafted by-laws, and has set a regular meeting date for the 4th Thursday of the month. The Commission has not yet elected officers. Planned in the near-term future is training from the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP).

The Commission has been briefed on Hawthorne Hall, receiving much of the same information that the City Council has had in the past, including historical background,

public survey results and the building's structural analysis. Individual Commission member tours of Hawthorne Hall were scheduled and held.

Community Development Director Osaki indicated that the Comprehensive Plan includes a section within the Land Use Element entitled "Historical Identity and Character". This section identifies properties on the Mukilteo Register of Historic Places, the Washington Heritage Register, and the National Register of Historic Places. The Commission makes recommendations on listing and removing properties from the Mukilteo of Historic Places.

Community Development Director Osaki mentioned that, based on the Municipal Code, the Historic Commission has review authority over proposals to construct, change, alter, modify, remodel, move, demolish, or that significantly affect properties on the Mukilteo Register of Historic Places. The Commission also must issue a waiver of certificate of appropriateness before a permit may be issued to allow whole or partial demolition of properties on the Mukilteo Register of Historic Places.

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 6:30PM

Next LU&ED Committee Meeting Date
Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 5:30pm