



Land Use & Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, February 23, 2021
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
(MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM)

Meeting Notes

Committee Attendees

Present: Councilmember Marine, Councilmember Harris
Absent: Councilmember Emery

Other Attendees

Kandace Barnes, President and CEO, Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce
Mayor Gregerson
City Administrator Powers
Community Development Director Osaki
Planning Manager Balisky

1. Economic Recovery

Kandace Barnes, Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, discussed ways the Chamber and City might partner together to more effectively meet the needs of potential and existing businesses.

Streamlining communication pieces and coordination of information the Chamber and City each makes available to and shares with the business community were mentioned. Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Barnes also raised the issue of how the City and Chamber might partner with other organizations to identify local resources and how such information about local resources can then be provided to businesses.

Councilmember Marine mentioned the importance of the City's partnership with the Chamber to communicate to businesses. Councilmember Harris noted the importance of consistent communication to help ensure ideas are effectively implemented.

Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Barnes stated how the Chamber has been distributing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) packets. She added to let her know if the City needs any anecdotal information from businesses. If so, she will see what outreach can be done.

Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Barnes mentioned what she is currently hearing from the business community including: Uncertainty over implementation of the "phases", that the 25% capacity limitation for various businesses is not sufficient to sustain a business in the long term, and that unemployment tax rates are a concern.

2. Public Noticing

Planning Manager Balisky provided information about (mailed) public noticing as follow up to the City Council's February 1, 2021 public hearing on a code amendment related to expanding the minimum mailed notification area for land use permits. That code amendment did not pass.

The LU&ED Committee was asked for thoughts about what types of development projects might merit expanded mailing notice. Additional information the LU&ED Committee would want brought back to a future Committee meeting to continue the discussion was also requested by staff.

The LU&ED Committee discussed types of projects that might merit an expanded mailing notice radius.

Councilmember Marine mentioned that the Washington State Ferry terminal relocation, Harbour Reach Corridor, and Pacific Seafood would be examples of projects that readily come to mind for expanded public mailing notice. The size and scale of the Washington State Ferry terminal project and the Harbour Reach Corridor project was mentioned. Pacific Seafood was mentioned because of traffic volumes and impact to a residential street. In contrast, a single family home going into an established residential neighborhood would not require any special notice.

Councilmember Harris also mentioned using the type of business and type of impact (such as traffic) as criteria for expanded public notice. Different levels of communication might be created for a Pacific Seafood or a multi-family development than for other types of development.

The LU&ED Committee invited Chamber President and CEO Barnes to provide comment if she wished. She mentioned peak traffic times as an important factor. An example might be a daycare.

There was discussion about diversity of communication types, including the use of social media. A city newsletter was also mentioned briefly.

3. Review of 2020 LU&ED Commission Work

Director Osaki noted that the 2020 LU&ED Committee had identified topics for the incoming 2021 LU&ED Committee to consider discussing in 2021. The purpose was to maintain LU&ED Committee continuity from 2020 into 2021.

Economic recovery was a standing 2020 LU&ED Committee agenda item. The 2021 LU&ED Committee indicated that it (economic recovery) should continue as a standing agenda item.

Work of the State Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) was identified as was the current Paine Field Master Plan update process. In December 2020, Councilperson Megan Dunn mentioned inviting the LU&ED Committee to a future County Council meeting to discuss airport planning.

Councilmember Marine suggested that a member from Save Our Communities, perhaps Mike Moore, be invited to a future LU&ED Committee meeting.

The 2020 LU&ED Committee also had identified annexation and digitization/social media/technology learning curves (for businesses especially) for LU&ED Committee consideration in 2021.

4. Set Committee Meeting Dates/Time

The LU&ED Committee set Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 5:30PM (First Tuesday of the Month) for its next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 5:30PM.