

Economic Vitality Commission
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**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

September 19, 2018

Picking Room
City Hall Northwest

1775 12th Avenue NW
Issaquah, WA 98027

R&S MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Howlett, Chair
Therese Garcia, Vice Chair
Ashwin Muthuvenkataraman
Kathy McCorry
Karl Leigh
Kristi Tripple
Saikat Sen
Samantha Breider
Christopher Beaudoin
Amit Bhardwaj

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Wright, Economic Development Manager
Tim Dutter, Economic Development Manager
Jen Davis Hayes, Project Oversight Manager
Tina Eggers, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Howlett called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

AGENDA ITEMS

Beaudoin moved to approve the Minutes from June 20, 2018 and July 12, 2018. Tripple seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Eggers made a presentation regarding the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act.

Wright gave the commission updates on the City-wide Strategic Plan, the Parking Study, Formula Businesses and the Legislative Agenda. Howlett reminded commission members to watch the first 30 minutes or so of the July 9, 2018 City Council Committee Work Session. Wright also summarized the State's Creative Districts Program and promised to send out a link to the program's website for more information.

Dutter gave an update on the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) and the sports medicine Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ).

Davis Hayes gave an update on the City's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Opportunity Center project, which will be located between NW Maple Street and Newport Way NW, on the east side of the Transit Center.

After Wright went through the Economic Development Strategic Plan Action Steps, having broken them down into categories of "Done," "Others Taking Lead," "Ongoing" and "Could Do More," Howlett led a discussion about how to narrow the list down to just a few action items that would be most valuable for the EVC to focus on to help drive economic development. It was determined that the commission members would review that list, and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss and vote on priorities.

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Discussion of upcoming meetings included a review of the draft "EVC Planning Calendar," the possibility of off-site meeting and field trips and guest speakers. There was also discussion of whether or not to reschedule November and December meetings due to holidays. That decision will be made at the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Howlett adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.