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**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMISSION
SUMMARY MINUTES**

January 16, 2019

Pickering Room
City Hall Northwest

1775 12th Avenue NW
Issaquah, WA 98027

R&S MEMBERS PRESENT

Therese Garcia, Vice Chair
Karl Leigh
Kristi Tripple
Samantha Breider
Christopher Beaudoin

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Wright, Economic Development Manager
Sage Khanuja, Youth Advisory Board Representative

CALL TO ORDER

Therese Garcia called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Wright introduced Khanuja, who is on the City's Youth Advisory Board and will be participating in EVC meetings as a non-voting member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY TRIPPLE, SECONDED BY LEIGH, that the minutes for the EVC meeting on November 14, 2018, be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Services and Safety Presentation Debrief:** The EVC watched and discussed the Economic Development Department presentation from January 8, 2019, to the Council's Services and Safety Committee.
- b) **Parking Study Update:** Wright presented an abridged version of the Parking Study presentation that went before the City Council at a work session that was held on January 14, 2019. Wright explained that there was consensus among the Council to pursue "Option 1," which will focus on wayfinding signage, improved lighting and pedestrian connections between parking areas, and increased public outreach and education regarding the location of available parking.
- c) **Planning Calendar:** Wright went over upcoming items on the calendar for EVC, including new member recruitment this Spring, Sign Code update in February and attendance by the Mayor at an upcoming meeting. A site visit to an Incubator in Auburn in February was discussed. There was agreement that the visit would be optional for EVC members, and should be done during a business day.
- d) **EVC 2019 Objectives:** There was little time to discuss and prioritize the three objectives (Attracting High Quality Jobs, Branding/Marketing, and Incentives), but the most interest seemed to be around Incentives. Wright will do some research on the legal parameters of business/development incentives in Washington, and the next EVC

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meeting may include a brainstorming session around possible advantages that could be offered to attract businesses to Issaquah.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.