

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Economic Vitality Commission

5:30 PM
 December 15, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

Commissioners Present:

Kathy McCorry, Chair
 Joan Probala
 Tom Rogers
 Christopher Beaudoin (after 5:58pm)
 Art Freas, Alternate (acting as regular)
 Chris Reichley, Alternate (acting as regular)

Administration/Staff:

Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development
 Manager

Members Not Present (Excused):

Jon Edwards, Vice Chair
 Christopher Beaudoin
 Thomas Brown
 Corby Casler
 Therese Garcia
 Ashwin Muthuvenkataraman
 Anjali Remme, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

MCCORRY, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of November 17, 2021

MOVED BY PROBALA, SECONDED BY REICHLEY that minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Creative District, (I)**

Presented by:

Leslie Pflug, Creative District Project Manager

Pflug presented about the history, purpose and plans of the Creative Arts District in the City of Issaquah.

b) **Business Retention & Recruitment SWOT, (D)***Presented by:**All Commissioners*

Commissioners planned more discussions around changes to the SWOT Analysis originally conducted by the Commission in October.

c) **2022 Business Leadership Forum, (D)***Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager*

Davis Hayes presented plans for the City to host a Business Leadership Forum in 2022 that would bring together the leading people involved in Issaquah's economic development and vitality and solicited feedback from the Commissioners.

d) **Business Openings, Closures, & Industry Trends, (D)***Presented by:**All Commissioners*

Commissioners and staff reported on potential and planned business openings, closures, and trends that they have witnessed or heard about.

e) **City Council Report Out, (I)***Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager*

Davis Hayes gave updates about recent and planned City Council and Administration business relating to the Commission's work.

f) **2022 Schedule, (I)***Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Director*

Davis Hayes reported on the Commission's tentative 2022 workplan and solicited feedback from the Commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCCORRY asked BEAUDOIN to report on job fair held by Swedish Hospital in November.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 19 at 5:30 p.m.