

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PED) COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Date: March 14, 2016

Attendance: Jay Arnold, Penny Sweet, Kurt Triplett, Eric Shields, Ellen Miller-Wolfe, Paul Stewart, Jeremy McMahan; Dawn Nelson, John MacGillivray, Jenna Higgins, Arthur Sullivan

Absent: Doreen Marchionne

Agenda Item:	Action Items:
1. Affordable housing	Three people involved with housing development were invited to present their concerns about City affordable housing requirements: realtor Lynn Sanborn, developer Paul Glosniak and architect Mike Benes. They explained difficulties they were having with a proposed nine or ten unit townhouse development on Market St. They expressed concerns about the inability to fit an affordable unit on their property, the degree to which the City is requiring the affordable unit to match the market rate units and the large amount of the fee in lieu charges. Committee members asked that these issues be addressed with the upcoming review of the housing strategy plan.
2. Plastic Bag Ban	The PED heard from Barbie Collins Young, Executive Director of the KDA, and Neil Hughes, owner of Crush Footwear, about the impact the plastic bag ban has had on downtown merchants. The committee will share the feedback with the entire City Council and potentially the Publics Works Committee and the Council will determine whether there should be modifications to the current ordinance.
3. Vision statement on Council letterhead	Committee members discussed how much of the vision statement should be included in the Council agenda header. Staff was asked to present a mock-up to the full Council for consideration.
4. Residential suites – sunset of limitation on number of units in CBD	Staff informed the committee that the Zoning Code provision limiting the number of residential suites in the CBD is due to expire in September. The developer of Arete has expressed an interest in building another residential suites project next door but would be prevented until the regulation expires. Staff noted that there has been no other interest in residential suites development and the number of remaining development sites is limited. Committee members concluded that they wouldn't object to expiration of the regulation but the matter should be discussed by the full Council.
5. Topics for meeting with HCC	Committee members indicated an interest in discussing the following topics at the meeting with the Houghton Community Council in April: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northwest University Master Plan - with City Attorney caution about the limitations for discussing quasi-judicial matters (the City Attorney has since advised against discussing this topic ;• Communication between Councils, how best to work together;• DRB procedure changes following S. Kirkland Park and Ride development;• Status of the Houghton/Everest neighborhood center study;• Status of transit on the CKC.
Informational Items:	
1. PSE 230 kV & 115 kV lines	Jeremy summarized the status of the two PSE projects. The 230 kV Projects appears likely to bypass Kirkland. The 115 kV line connecting Redmond to the Juanita substation is moving forward. An application is expected soon.
2. SelectUSA Conference update	Ellen reported on work with Bellevue, Redmond and the EDC to prepare collateral and staff a booth at the SelectUSA conference in June, which features economic development groups and corporate interests both national and international.
3. KDA update	Ellen and Penny talked about KDA's new Board of 21 members, and analysis of models including the Main Street Program, that will help the organization become more sustainable

4. Progress on CKC art integration plan	Work on the Art Integration Plan is taking more time than was anticipated, but Ellen is hopeful that there will be a draft plan to discuss by month's end.
Upcoming Council Agenda Items	Art Integration Plan
Next Meetings	April 11 April 21 special meeting with the Cultural Council regarding Artsfund economic impact.
Potential Future Topics	1. Finn Hill Neigh. Plan 2. Special events policies 3. Sign regulations