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**Economic Development Committee Meeting
Thursday July 26, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.
South Conference Room**

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>City Staff</u>
Chair Jeremy Nutting	Michael Matthias – City Manager
Co-Chair Vic Pennington	Dan Brewer – Chief Operating Officer
Mayor Matt Pina	Susan Cezar – Chief Strategic Officer
	Denise Lathrop – Planning & Development Services Manager
	Brandon Carver – Public Works Director
	Tim George – City Attorney
	Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
	Jason Woycke – Land Use Planner II
	Jodi Grager – Community Development Assistant

Guests: Councilmember Matt Mahoney

1. Call to Order

Chair Jeremy Nutting called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the June 28, 2018 meeting minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

3. Wasson House

City Manager Michael Matthias introduced this topic with a question: What are the possibilities with this property? The Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), which is currently in the process of a required update, would likely not allow for an Urban Conservancy designation. The SMP does allow for modest commercial endeavors in addition to recreational opportunities. The retention of the Wasson house would hinder the types of projects that could be considered, such as connectivity from the mouth of Des Moines Creek to the Marina. (See Memo and renderings) This vacant single family residence is now a non-conforming use in the Residential-Suburban Estates Zone (R-SE). The focus is on a project that will bring the greatest benefit to the community.

Brainstorm list of potential projects:

- Diving community recreational
- New restrooms
- Food trucks or restaurant style containers
- Play area
- Promenade
- Water feature

This topic will also be addressed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) discussion.

4. Height Limitations near Big Catch Plaza

According to City Manager Michael Matthias, the City's goal is to redevelop the downtown area through the highest and best use practices. It has been suggested that a building height increase to 75 or possibly 85 feet between 216th and 219th on Marine View Drive South would allow property owners to consider this desired redevelopment. (See Memo and renderings) The committee discussed the pros and cons of increasing height restrictions in this area:

PROS –

- The topography of the land works favorably with adding height to buildings
- Code language can be added to require development standards that would meet the City's need for quality construction
- Timing coincides with uptick in need for mixed use spaces
- Creating cohesion

CONS -

- View corridor
- Working with landlords cooperatively for best results

Chair Nutting recommended that staff review Renton's screening requirements when considering changes to DMMC.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 27th at 6:00-6:50 pm in the South Conference room.

Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jodi Grager, Community Development Assistant