

MINUTES – FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

August 14, 2014

South Conference Room

21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines, WA

Council Members

Chair Matt Pina

Jeremy Nutting

Jeanette Burrage

City Staff

Tony Piasecki – City Manager

Michael Mathias – Asst. City Manager

Dan Brewer – PBPW Director

Denise Lathrop – Community Development Mgr

Grant Fredricks – Consultant

Laura Techico – Senior Land Use Planner

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Matt Pina

2. Approval of the June 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

3. Development Updates

PBPW Director Brewer provided drafts of the updated Development Activity map and Potential Development map. The following projects were discussed:

- Blueberry Lane – A conditional clearing and grading permit is scheduled to be issued soon.
- DMCBP – Panattoni has broken ground on the project.
- Artemis Hotel – Construction is well under way and progressing smoothly. A 1,000 Cubic Yard concrete pour is scheduled for the week of August 25th. Building plans for the next phase of the building permit have been submitted and are under review.
- Woodmont Vista – Building permit applications have been submitted for all nine lots of this subdivision located at South 260th Street and 16th Avenue South.

4. Discussion of letter from Mr. Bruce Lorig

City Manager Piasecki provided a summary of the letter that was provided by Bruce Lorig. The committee asked that staff look into the possibility of developing a scope of work for a consultant to evaluate some of the ideas and thoughts from Mr. Lorig, namely the potential to create a more pedestrian friendly environment; restriping or rechannelizing the roadways to reduce the feel of an auto-oriented thoroughfare; and investigate opportunities to see what could be done to create more parking in the downtown. There was some discussion about the possibility of working on the development of a parking in-lieu fee program.

5. Status report on and discussion of proactive code enforcement in the City's commercial areas.

PBPW Director Brewer presented a summary of the responses received from the proactive code enforcement efforts. Results showed that less than 15% responded to the first letter, and that so for less than 20% responded to the second letter. Work continues to send out follow up letters. The goal is compliance – not citations. Brewer reported that staff is working with a number of properties on compliance issues. Some properties are unwilling to cooperate, and citations will be mailed out soon.

6. Committee Member Comments

None.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 9th, 2014, from 5:30-6:50 p.m. in the South Conference room.

Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dan Brewer, Planning, Building and Public Works Director