

Whatcom County Business & Commerce Committee

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WCBCC February Meeting Minutes (2/12/24)

WCBCC Members Present

Dan Dunne, WCBCC Chair

Casey Diggs, WCBCC Co-Chair

Russell (RB) Tewksbury, Internet Technology

Debbie Ahl, Healthcare Industry

Ryan Allsop, Other For-Profit

Brad Rader, Agriculture

Pam Brady, Energy

Clark Campbell, Recreation

Troy Muljat, Other For-Profit

Pete Dawson, Commercial Real Estate

Mark Stremmer, Whatcom County Councilmember

CJ Seitz, Higher Education

Matthew Green, Higher Education

Heather Steele, Public K-12 Education

Rob Fix, Port of Bellingham Executive Director

Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Kim Lund, Bellingham Mayor

WCBCC Members Absent

Chris Trout, Manufacturing

Paul Burrill, Food Processing

Dana Wilson, Marine Trades

Sarah Rothenbuhler, Other For-Profit

Non-Members/Public Present

Chris Behee, Ken Bell, Lance Calloway, Barbara Chase, Hugh Conroy, Chris Elder, David Ellsworth, Dann (full name not provided) Jessie Everson, Dean Fearing, Peter Frazier, Bruce Gebb, Bill Geyer, Tess Heidt, Brian Heinrich, Mauri Ingram, Scott Korthuis, Todd Lagestee, Rose Lathrop, Erika Lautenbach, Troy Lautenbach, Rob Lee, Michael Lilliquist, Forrest Longman, Blake Lyon, Dan Meade, Jennifer Noveck, Guy Occhiogrosso, Kori Olsen, Matt (PDS), Scott Pelton, Shafin (full name not provided) Margaret Reich, Anna Robbins, Andrea Ruback, Tyler Schroeder, Simon Sefzik, Gina Stark, Riley Sweeney

Call to Order

WCBCC Chair Dan Dunne called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Clark Campbell moved, seconded by RB Tewksbury, to adopt the meeting minutes from January 8, 2024. Motion passed.

Discussion: Memorandum for the Comp Plan Economics Chapter Aligned with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Jennifer Noveck, Ph.D. + CJ Seitz

Provided an overview of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in relation to the draft Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 7, "Economics" + provided general recommendations in a draft memorandum to Whatcom County regarding said chapter.

Dan Dunne moved, seconded by Clark Campbell, to transfer discussion to WCBCC policy sub-committee with CJ Seitz as primary contact, with an established goal for WCBCC to vote on a final draft of the memorandum related to Chapter 7, "Economics" at the March WCBCC meeting.

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Discussion: Memorandum for the Comp Plan Housing Chapter, Dan Dunne

Provided an overview of recommendations within the draft memorandum related to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 3, "Housing."

Dan Dunne moved, seconded by Clark Campbell, to transfer discussion to WCBCC housing sub-committee with Troy Muljat as primary contact, with an established goal for WCBCC to review and vote on a final draft of the memorandum related to Chapter 3, "Housing" in the March WCBCC meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.