



22500 Salamo Road
West Linn, Oregon 97068
<http://westlinnoregon.gov>

Economic Development Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 10, 2019

6:30 p.m. – West Linn City Hall – Willamette Conference Room

Members Present: Rachael Vidin, Shannen Knight, Russel Williams, Mark Adams

Members Absent: Matt Lorenzen, Drew Hanson, Jim Stallcup

Staff/City Representatives: Chris Myers (staff)

Guests: Keisha Browster

1. Introductions/Review of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm. New EDC member Mark Adams introduced himself and gave a brief background. No changes to agenda.

2. Public Comment

Citizen Keisha commented that the July meeting notes had her name misspelled. She corrected the spelling for the record. Keisha further asked whether the EDC would be bringing in someone to give an update on the Waterfront Project.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

Meeting notes for the July and September meetings were tabled.

4. Discussion: EDC Yearly Report to City Council

Tabled until a larger group of members present.

5. Discussion: Neighborhood Commercial Nodes

Committee members discussed the potential economic value of utilizing the Neighborhood Commercial Zone (NC) on specific properties in West Linn. Discussion centered on what types of properties would work best for the NC zone and where in the city those might be located. Further discussion was had regarding what types of businesses would work within the NC zone. Examples discussed were coffee shops, bakeries, and other such small family style retail establishments.

6. Discussion: Mixed-Use Zoning

Committee members discussed the potential to expand the use of the Mixed-Use Zone (MU), specifically on the Highway 43 Corridor. Various discussion points were brought up such as height requirements, parking, traffic and transportation issues, housing, and public transportation. Further discussion highlighted that the economic impact of the MU zone would be much larger and more beneficial to the City of West Linn in comparison to the NC zone. It was agreed that the NC zone still has potential and should be examined further.

7. Discussion: West Linn Commercial/Industrial Use Matrix

The Planning Matrix was discussed and EDC members expressed that the matrix has a lot of information and can be difficult to decipher.

8. New Business

Committee members expressed that they would like a staff representative from the West Linn Engineering Dept. to come back to the EDC for discussion about Street Seats/Sidewalk Café.

9. Other Items of Interest

1. The EDC was informed that Historic Willamette Main St. has hired a new Executive Director.
2. The EDC was informed of the ongoing discussion regarding the re-design of Willamette Falls Drive. Specifically the discussions of back-in parking and the possibility of having a test day for back-in parking. This would allow citizens to try it out prior to any permanent changes being made.
3. EDC member Russel Williams informed the committee that he has resigned his position on the West Linn Chamber of Commerce.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting

November 14, 2019

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.