



# CITY OF West Linn

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Draft MEETING NOTES – March 5, 2026

Members Present: Jared Dean, Russel Williams, Lance Weinard, Sheri Wahrgren, Christi Lanz, and Shannon Knight  
Public Present: Victoria Meier, West Linn Chamber of Commerce  
Council: Kevin Bonnington and Lou Groner  
Staff Present: Lynn Schroder, Management Analyst; Darren Wyss, Principal Planner; and Steve Koper, Community Development Director Steve Koper

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### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Dean called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### 2. Public Comment : Non-Agenda items

None.

### 3. VISION43 Discussion

The committee discussed zoning changes along Highway 43, emphasizing the need for flexible regulations that balance commercial development with community needs and address concerns about density, parking, and design.

- Committee discussed the involvement of members in earlier zoning discussions and projects.
- Zoning changes aim to create flexible commercial zones for development along Highway 43.
- Concerns about potential height restrictions and their impact on local topography and traffic were discussed.
- Members expressed the need for tailored approaches to different focus areas in zoning regulations.
- The importance of balancing commercial opportunities with community needs was emphasized throughout the discussion.
- Lanz shared personal connection to focus area two, emphasizing neighborhood insights.
- Concerns about high-density apartments and inadequate parking in the area were discussed.
- Schroder highlighted challenges of integrating transportation and development plans.
- Participants discussed the importance of maintaining commercial spaces in the community.
- It was noted that developers have expressed reluctance to build without adequate parking provisions.
- Plans for pedestrian and bicycle enhancements aim to improve accessibility.
- The need for flexible design standards to avoid monotonous building styles was emphasized.
- Members wanted to ensure that any proposed changes to zoning codes did not limit opportunities for diverse commercial options, such as grocery stores.
- Members wanted the topography and unique characteristics of each focus area to be considered when drafting zoning regulations.

**4. Items of Interest from EDC Members**

None.

**5. Staff Announcements**

Councilor Bonnington briefly discussed the recent City Council retreat.

**6. Adjourn**

Chair Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.