

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Thursday May 27, 2021

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting

Council Members

Chair Jeremy Nutting
Co-Chair Traci Buxton
Mayor Matt Pina

City Staff

Michael Matthias – City Manager (CM)
Dan Brewer – Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Scott Wilkins - Harbormaster
Katy Bevegne – Assistant Harbormaster
Denise Lathrop – Planning & Development Svcs Manager
Matt Hutchins – Assistant Attorney
Ashley Young – Events and Facilities Manager
Jeff Friend – Deputy Finance Director
Eric Lane – Land Use Planner II
Bonnie Wilkins – City Clerk
Taria Keane – Deputy City Clerk
Jodi Grager – Admin Asst II

Guests: Councilmembers Luisa Bangs, Matt Mahoney, and JC.Harris
Citizens Bill Linscott and Jayme Wagner

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Approval of the April 22, 2021 Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

2. Review Status of Marina Redevelopment

City Manager Michael Matthias provided a brief review of staff's work over the last month including working closely with the consultants to finalize an RFQ which will be going out soon. Once a developer is chosen, there will be additional work on the Marina steps and buildings north of the steps such as a hotel and other retail. He stated there is an astonishing amount of private interest thanks in part to the previous work and planning that has already occurred.

3. Waterfront Food Pod

CM Matthias introduced Ashley Young, Events and Facilities Manager to present information about the Waterfront Food Pod Program. Manager Young shared a PowerPoint (see agenda packet) that outlined the history of the use of food trucks at the Marina, the details of this current program, the benefits and challenges, and directions on how vendors can participate. She explained that the program will focus on the Marina area, and could possibly expand to the Beach Park and other City properties such as Redondo or the Senior Activity Center. The Committee had an opportunity for questions and discussions including:

- Existing maps label six appropriate locations at the Marina
- City of Des Moines Business License and Des Moines Municipal Code details

- Marketing ideas

The Committee extended their support and appreciation of this effort.

Adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Assistant