

MINUTES

**Economic Development Committee Meeting
Thursday April 22, 2021
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.
Via Zoom Meeting**

Council Members	City Staff
Chair Jeremy Nutting	Michael Matthias – City Manager (CM)
Co-Chair Traci Buxton	Dan Brewer – Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Mayor Matt Pina	Susan Cezar – Chief Strategic Officer (CSO)
	Beth Anne Wroe – Finance Director
	Denise Lathrop – Planning & Development Svcs Manager
	Scott Wilkins – Harbormaster
	Jeff Friend – Deputy Finance Director
	Eric Lane – Land Use Planner II
	Bonnie Wilkins – City Clerk
	Jodi Grager – Admin Asst II

Guests: Councilmembers Luisa Bangs, Matt Mahoney, Anthony Martinelli and JC.Harris
Bill Linscott

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Approval of the March 25, 2021 Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

2. Marina Redevelopment Update

City Manager Michael Matthias stated that demand for development is high and the City is in a great position to move forward with the previous work completed by the consultant team, SkyLab. SkyLab's design of the Multipurpose Structure would allow for connectivity of the Marina District to the Marina Floor. Some of the proposed features of this building are dry stack storage, harbormaster office, Farmer's Market, maintenance facilities and potentially, other vendors. It is hoped the current Harbormaster Office could be replaced by a restaurant. The next steps are completing the RFQ and searching for the right developer. This is an exciting time, efforts have focused on an integrated design that includes the critical components.

3. Passenger Ferry Update

CM Matthias discussed the work being done on bringing a passenger ferry to Des Moines. Diedrich RPM completed a City study in 2019 that indicated interest has increased in this type of transportation option as part of a multi-modal system, with access to SeaTac Airport a critical issue. Des Moines would play an integral role in a regional southern route of landing spots. This may be an ideal project to consider public/private partnerships. A feasibility study would likely be necessary before bringing any proposal to council.

Committee members commended the community and staff for their input and efforts in making the redevelopment of the Marina a priority and encouraged continued work

to make the revitalization dream a reality. CM Matthias indicated that this committee will be very helpful as staff seek process guidance.

Adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Assistant