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**Economic Development Committee Meeting
Thursday April 25, 2024
5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.
Council Chamber**

Council Members

Jeremy Nutting, Chair
Dep Mayor Harry Steinmetz, Vice Chair
Mayor Traci Buxton

City Staff

Tim George – Interim City Manager
Denise Lathrop – Comm Dev Director
Laura Techico – Planning and Development
Services Manager
Jason Woycke – Senior Planner
Peyton Murphy – Land Use Planner II
Alicia Jacobs – Land Use Planner
Taria Keane – City Clerk
Jodi Grager – Admin Coordinator II

Guests: Councilmembers Gene Achziger, Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Matt Mahoney

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of March 28, 2024 Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

2. Comprehensive Plan Update – (Chapter 8: Economic Development, Chapter 9: North Central Neighborhood Element, Chapter 10: Marina District and Chapter 11: Pacific Ridge Element)

Community Development Director Denise Lathrop presented the update. Director Lathrop provided a memo, mark-up pages of Chapters 8 -11, and also shared a Comprehensive Plan Update PowerPoint.

<https://desmoines.civicweb.net/document/339131/?splitscreen=true&media=true>

Director Lathrop indicated that this will be the first of several meetings that will be presented to the committee for the various neighborhoods throughout the City.

The committee discussed:

- Emergency Housing
- Creation of an Economic Development Plan for the Marina District and whether Chapter 10 should be expanded. This topic may be explored as part of a Council Study Session.
- Innovation District Zone – high impact/low impact uses
- High density and transit community zone in Pacific Ridge
- Suggestion for an Economic Development Plan to focus on Pacific Ridge Zone

Further updates will be presented at various committee meetings.

Adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Coordinator