

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

May 27, 2021  
4:00-4:50 p.m.

### VIA ZOOM

**NOTE: The City of Des Moines is currently operating under a Proclamation of Emergency issued on March 5, 2020 and Governor Inslee's Stay-at-Home order issued March 23, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Accordingly, this meeting will be held virtually using Zoom.**

The public is welcome to attend the Economic Development Committee meeting via Zoom. Please follow this link to get instructions on how to participate:  
<https://www.desmoineswa.gov/FormCenter/City-Forms-3/Council-Meeting-Comments-49>.

Please note that Zoom attendees do not interact with one another; they join in listen-only mode.

1. Approval of April 22, 2021 minutes
2. Review Status of Marina Redevelopment  
*Staff will provide a project update*

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Economic Development Committee Meeting  
Thursday April 22, 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)  
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