



Economic Development Board Minutes

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 17, 2025 | 7:30 am

Economic Development Board Members Present: Les Anderson, Kristine Birkenkopf, Dave Pelletier, Camrie Ingram, Teresa LaFleur, Dustin Dekle, Natalie Hagglund

Staff Present: Patricia Love, Niki Strachila

Les Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

1. Elections

Kristine Birkenkopf was unanimously elected by the Board to serve as chair for 2025. Dustin Dekle was unanimously elected by the Board to serve as Vice Chair for 2025.

2. New Member Introduction

The newest member of the Economic Development Board, Natalie Hagglund was introduced.

3. Receive the Minutes of the November 15, 2024 Meeting

The minutes of the November 15, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. Northwest Glass Quest – Tourism and Promotion Grant

All Board members were in support of the City approving a \$2,000 Marketing and Tourism Promotion Grant for Northwest Glass Quest. Every year, Glass Quest attracts 10-15,000 visitors. It is one of Stanwood and Camano Island's largest events of the year.

5. Special Events

Les Anderson provided an update on the City and Stanwood Commerce Alliance's Summer Concert Series, renamed Stanfest. Stanfest will take place at Church Creek Park and will feature Aaron Crawford on June 28, The Olson Bros Band on July 19 and Spike and the Impalers on August 16.

6. Downtown District Initiative Update

Staff provided an update on the Downtown District Initiative. City staff have assembled a committee to help guide an initial assessment in 2025 and are holding the first committee meeting in March. Mount Vernon is an example of a City with a successful Arts District. The types of businesses allowed and zoning can largely impact a downtown.

7. Brick Road Update

Staff provided an update on the Brick Road. Staff will be receiving concepts for the Brick Road soon with the goal of preserving as much of the brick as possible. Staff



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will bring the brick road concepts to the next meeting for feedback. Staff will also share the full Twin City Mile Revitalization Design at the next meeting.

8. EDB Next Meeting, tentative schedule for March 21, 2025

Adjourn: 8:59 a.m.

