

# MINUTES

**August 9, 2023**  
**McMinnville Economic Vitality Leadership Council**  
**Regular Meeting**

**3:00 pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**McMinnville, Oregon**

**Members Present:** Carson Benner, Mike Morris, Chris Chenoweth, Steve Patterson, Dani Chisholm, Heather Miller, and Erin Stephenson

**Members Absent:** Trena McManus, Walt Gowell, John Dietz, Gerardo Ochoa, and Michael Mulkey

**Staff Present:** Heather Richards – Community Development Director, Heather Hadley Blank - McMinnville Economic Development Partnership, and Doris Towery – McMinnville Downtown Association

**Others Present:**

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## 1. Call to Order

Chair Benner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

## 2. Discussion Items

- 2023/2024 Priorities

Community Development Director Richards said the group chose projects every year to focus on and at a previous meeting they put together a list of ten projects. After polling the Committee, these were the top priorities: Third Street Improvement Project, innovation campus, streamline permitting, workforce housing, and identifying available land.

There was discussion regarding what was included in the projects and what was needed for the projects to move forward. There was further discussion regarding funding for the Third Street Improvement Project, public/private development projects for workforce housing, what Newberg was doing for housing, changing land use planning laws, creating a land bank, inclusionary zoning, rental rates, lack of land supply, and construction excise tax.

Councilor Stephenson moved to approve the priorities for 2023/24 as follows: Third Street Improvement Project, innovation campus, exploration of ways the Council could impact the availability of workforce housing, streamline permitting, and identifying available land. The motion was seconded by Councilor Morris and passed unanimously.

Councilor Miller read an email from the developer selected for the Sedcor missing middle housing project in Newberg. He was available to come to the next meeting to share more information and answer questions.

3. Rumor Mill

There was discussion regarding an affordable housing development from a private developer, spaces available on Third Street, vacancies downtown, upcoming housing projects, and multi-family housing development application.

4. Citizen Comments

None

5. Committee Member Comments

None

6. Staff Comments

None

7. Adjournment

Chair Benner adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.