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May 8, 2024
McMinnville Economic Vitality Leadership Council
Regular Meeting

3:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting
McMinnville, Oregon

Members Present: Carson Benner, Mike Morris, Kelly McDonald, Chris Chenoweth, Steve Patterson, Dani Chisholm, Heather Miller, John Dietz, Michael Mulkey, Walt Gowell, and Deven Paolo.

Members Absent: Trena McManus, Gerardo Ochoa, Erin Stephenson, and Diana Riggs

Staff Present: Heather Richards – Community Development Director, Patty Herzog – McMinnville Economic Development Partnership, Heather Hadley Blank – McMinnville Economic Development Partnership, Doris Towery – McMinnville Downtown Association, Taylor Graybehl – Senior Planner, and Matthew Deppe – Associate Planner

Others Present: Representative Lucetta Elmer

1. Call to Order

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

2. Minutes

- October 11, 2023

This item was not discussed.

3. Discussion Items

- Representative Lucetta Elmer

Representative Elmer gave a recap on her policy committees, creation of HB 4134, what was included in the bill for workforce housing, how the bill had been signed recently, and the project in McMinnville.

There was discussion regarding the funding and timeframe for the project, policies in the bill, how deed restrictions worked, and future opportunities.

Representative Elmer explained how many bills she was allowed in the short and long sessions, how she was crafting bills currently, challenges with Business Oregon, and Labor and Safety Committee priorities.

4. Rumor Mill

There was discussion about business openings, Dine Out program, Farmers Market, UFO Fest, and partnerships with Evergreen and Linfield.

5. Citizen Comments

None

6. Committee Member Comments

None

7. Staff Comments

Community Development Director Richards discussed all that Representative Elmer was able to accomplish to pass HB 4134.

8. Adjournment

Chair Benner adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.