



Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee

MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 435 Martin Street, Suite 4000 www.ci.blaine.wa.us (360) 332-8311

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Called to order at 8:01 AM

Roll Call: Eric Davidson, Bob Boule, Debby Farmer, Louise Mugar, Sukhwant Singh Gill (absent), and Micah Mullin, Danielle Gaughen (non-voting).

Staff Present: Alex Wenger, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator; Stacie Pratschner, Community Development Services Director; Allison Tompkins, Community Planner I.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Christina Winkler requested that the board consider awarding additional BTAC Grant funding to 2021 recipients.

MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER MUGAR AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER FARMER TO ADD BTAC GRANT FUNDING DISCUSSION TO NEW BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS

- Community Development Services (CDS) presented on the Downtown Mural Program Charter and Draft Council Resolution to establish an ad-hoc arts commission. The arts commission will be tasked with identifying and qualifying mural artist. Implementation of the arts commission will take place over the next couple months with mural installation likely taking place in the Spring of 2022. Board members asked questions and made recommended edits to the project charter following the presentation. Staff will bring final draft of program charter to future meeting for final consideration.

MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER MULLIN TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF AN AD-HOC ARTS COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOWNTOWN BLAINE MURAL PROGRAM. SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MUGAR. MOTION PASSES (4-1)

- CDS presented design alternatives for the proposed centennial street banners. Board members had a discussion following the presentation.

- CDS gave updates on upcoming 2021 projects and events including finalization of BTAC award recipient grants, the Chamber of Commerce the 4th of July Celebration, Wings Over Water and the Drayton Harbor Music Festival. Board members discussed upcoming events following staff's updates.
- Board members discussed the consideration of additional funding for BTAC Grant recipients.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 12, 2021

MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER DAVIDSON TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2021 SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MULLAN MOTION PASSES (4-0).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 13.

Adjourned 9:15 AM.