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Economic Development Commission

Meeting Agenda

May 13, 2026 - 6 p.m.

**Economic
Development
Commission Members**

PJ Parsons- Chair

Dinah Kinney

Anne Bussiere – Chair

Pro Tem

Wiley Moore

Guy Borgford

Town Council Liaison

Vacant

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes – April 8, 2026
5. Old Business
 - Dog Park
 - Upper Garden Club Park Options
 - Main Street Businesses
6. New Business
7. Other Business
8. Announcements
9. Next Meeting: June 10, 2026 6pm
10. Adjournment

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April 8, 2026**

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Economic Commission Members: PJ Parsons, Anne Bussiere, Wiley Moore (Zoom) and Guy Borgford (Zoom).

Liaison: Stephanie Semro.

Audience Members Present: Councilmember Bellinger and Gabe Asarian.

Audience Members Online: None.

Staff Present: Clerk Treasurer Andrea Fichter.

Minutes: March 11, 2026: Anne Bussiere made a motion to approve the minutes. Dinah Kinney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Dog Park: PJ stated that she and Billi included 5 site options and there is a presentation in the packet.

She stated a sally port are the double gates. She stated that when she and Guy had put pricing information together previously, they had not used chain link. She stated they are considering panels and hog wire which looks better. She stated there has also been discussion around how high the fencing should be.

PJ stated they tried to address the different pros and cons for each option. She also stated they need to develop appropriate signage with the rules and regulations. She stated the town's current code has leash laws, but the dog park would allow dogs to be off leash. Dinah asked if the code could be amended to include the dog park as an off-leash area. Discussion ensued on a dog park may encourage those who do not currently leash their dogs to use the dog park and leash them when not at the dog park. Discussion ensued on those who follow the leash laws tend to also pick up after their dogs but there are still many that do not. It was stated that dog parks also encourage community engagement and will attract tourists as well.

PJ stated typically dogs are required to be spayed or neutered if utilizing a dog park but that may be difficult to enforce here. Discussion ensued on the possibility of getting a mobile clinic that could assist in getting dogs spayed and neutered. Discussion also ensued regarding vaccination requirements and that not being required to get a dog license in town.

PJ reviewed the different site options listed within the presentation. She stated the park area in East Concrete does not have water or parking and is surrounded by residents but is an established park area.

She stated the area above the boat launch is a large area owned by the town, but you have to cross SR 20, its pretty far from downtown, is secluded, and borders the RV Park. She stated it would not really be a pull for tourists and does not have any water or restrooms. She stated it has also been discussed as a possible location for an archery range or a campground.

She stated the Community Garden area is already fenced, owned by the town, and has water but there were concerns that it would not be able to be used for growing food again and the Town Council had already stated this was not a good option.

PJ stated the Upper Garden Club Park is partially owned by the Town, is close to downtown, EV chargers will be installed soon but has no water, no restrooms and the adjacent property owners are in opposition.

She stated Silo Park is a good option and now that they have a better idea of where the pump track is going, can better locate a good spot. She stated there is water, restrooms, its town owned, and has parking. She stated it could be situated to not interfere with the bike trails, pump track, or the frisbee golf but it would not be close to the downtown area.

Discussion ensued on the 5 options and it was stated that really there are only three. Further discussion ensued and the commission narrowed it down to the top two options, Upper Garden Club Park and Silo Park.

It was stated the Upper Garden Club park could be developed for other things. Discussion ensued on the installation of signage and paths that would assist in letting people know its there.

Gabe Asarian stated there may be one conflict with Silo Park. He stated the Youth Activity Day requires a large amount of area but that it only occurs one day a year. Discussion ensued on the room needed for Youth Activity Day and closing the dog park and frisbee golf during that time should allow for enough room for the event.

Wiley stated they did a great job on the presentation and god help them; the Council should be able to make a decision. He suggested updating the labels and colors, so it is clearer. He stated he does not completely agree with the choices but understands them. He stated that the Upper Garden Club Park would be his first choice since it would align with encouraging increasing economic development within the town. Dinah and Anne stated they agree. Stephanie stated she agrees but with the residents in that area, she believes Silo Park is a better option.

PJ stated the proposed landscaping and paths at the Upper Garden Park area did not get explained to the adjacent property owners and that could make a difference in their opinion. It was stated there is approximately 30 feet between the park and residences that could be utilized for plantings and pathways that could assist with noise and sight reductions.

It was stated the EDC's recommendation could be for the Upper Garden Club Park due to the economic side, but that Silo Park is a good location and let the Council decide. It was stated that if the dog park is located at Silo Park, then there should be a focus on what else could be done at the Upper Garden Club Park.

Guy stated this is a great presentation and agrees that Silo Park is a good location. He stated right now no one uses the Upper Garden Club Park and it is a beautiful area that could developed into something that would encourage people to use it and bring people uptown.

PJ stated she and Billi will make the presentation at Council on Monday.

New Business: PJ stated once the dog park item is complete and if Silo Park is chosen, she would like the EDC to focus on uses for the Garden Club Park.

Discussion ensued on planning the pump track launch. Andrea stated construction is estimated to start the

week of May 18 or May 25 and should only take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete. It was stated to plan for a July grand opening and maybe plan it around the fly in, softball tournament and Youth Activity Day. It was stated the Mayor was also working to have music at this as well.

Other Business: Discussion ensued on the empty storefronts up town and the possibility of working with the building owners on possible incubator businesses utilizing their spaces. PJ stated they could work with businesses that need a building and the building owners on possible options that would assist in getting businesses into those empty store fronts. Guy stated during the Comprehensive Plan update pop up stores during events was also discussed that these empty store fronts could be used for as well.

Discussion ensued on different types of stores or businesses that would draw people into town, would thrive, and would also assist currently established businesses.

Gabe stated that he believes Seattle City Light will have some major projects coming up that businesses may be able to take advantage of with the increased workers and activity.

Discussion ensued on the past and future projects that PSE has completed that have contributed to the town's economics.

Dinah stated she would like to see something developed for options to assist businesses when they are struggling. She stated it would be good to see how they can assist or intervene before a business fails. It was stated that EDASC may be able to assist as well, and they should be contacted to put on more events in town.

Announcements: Anne stated What's Up Concrete will be held at NW Garden Bling this Saturday.

It was stated the next EDC meeting will be May 13.

Adjournment: Dinah made a motion for adjournment at 7:23 p.m. Anne Bussiere seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PJ Parsons, Chair

Attest: Anne Bussiere, Chair pro-tem