



MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Chair – Councilmember Barbara Bitetto, Charles Hendricks, Dean Burke, Meilee Anderson

Staff Member Present: Carmen Palmer, Communications Director

Chair Bitetto began the meeting at 10 am. Palmer advised everyone that the meeting had an amended agenda with items 5 and 6 amended from a proposal to a discussion.

1. Financial Update - Palmer presented that Sumner's lodging tax account had \$554,234 as of the beginning of September.
2. Update on Projects - Palmer updated the committee on past funded projects including the street trees, downtown bike racks and wayfinding signs.
3. Update on Hops Alley/Heritage Park - Palmer updated the committee on the current construction building Hops Alley and phase 2 of Heritage Park
4. Proposed: Hops Alley/Heritage Park Construction - Burke motioned and Anderson seconded to recommend \$275,000 in funding for the balance of construction for Hops Alley and Phase 2 of Heritage Park. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Discussion: Heritage Park Phases 3 & 4 Design - Palmer showed the current flythrough video of the full park design. Initial estimates to finish design of Phase 4 are \$300,000, exceeding what currently remains in the lodging tax fund. This item will be revisited later, likely January 2026.
6. Discussion: Update Sumner Charm video - discussion about refreshing the Sumner Charm video. CM Bell no longer shoots their own footage. There is likely opportunities to partner with what the city has through Pierce County TV and what Visit Pierce County has to reduce costs in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bitetto adjourned the meeting at 10:28 am.