

**Whatcom County Business and Commerce Committee**  
**Rescheduled for October 25, 2021, 11-1230pm**

**Zoom Meeting**

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**This is the same Zoom information as the Outlook calendar invite for the rescheduled meeting.**

**Agenda**

**Call meeting to order (5 min)**

**Introductions / Comments from the Public (5 min)**

**Administrative business (5 min)**

- Approve minutes from September 2021 meeting
- Open voting member positions: food processing & manufacturing

**City of Bellingham Mayor Update:** Focus specifically to actions being taken at Cornwall, and homeless camping enforcement in general (5-10 min)

- Committee member Q&A (10 min)

**Update** on EDI board proposal regarding the Infrastructure Improvements for Affordable Workforce Housing Program to WC Council by Michael Jones, WCBAC Committee Member (15 min):

- Committee member Q&A (10 min)
- Discuss a motion to recommend to County Council that the EDI board proposal be approved (5 min)

**Discussion** on COB People's Initiative 1 and 4, comments given by Guy Occhiogrosso, Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce (15 min)

- Committee member Q&A (5 min)
- Discuss next steps (5 min)

**If time permits, otherwise 1<sup>st</sup> item on November agenda:** update on COB zoning changes 'ranged zoning' and revised density requirements given by Derek Long, Whatcom Housing Alliance (15 min):

- Committee member Q&A (5 min)

**Close**

**Next meeting:** Monday, November 15, 2021 11am

*Potential Future Meeting Topics:*

- *Post-secondary education – private sector opportunities in Whatcom County: job creation, workforce development*
- *Water Rights in Whatcom County – Presentation from PUD, update from Brad Rader*
- *Cherry Point Master Planning / Infrastructure*
- *Status of American Rescue Plan relief dollars in Whatcom County*
- *Status of Permanent Affordability of Child Care in Whatcom County*

- *Status of Affordable Housing in Whatcom County, items related to annexations, Buildable Lands, EDI program, COB Planning Director search, Worker Housing in Whatcom County – Updates from POB Economic Development*
- *Presentation on Bellis Fair Mall Repurpose/Redevelopment*
- *Updates on County financials and budgets, economic resiliency of the County*
- *Port industrial and commercial land report – what is occupied, what is vacant, who is there?*
- *All Sectors: Near term business impacts of the on-going labor shortage (brief update from sectors with +40 employees)*