PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
March 17, 2026, 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
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The Planning & Economic Development Committee provides policy recommendations to Council that support the city's long-range vision and comprehensive planning goals, land use and transportation planning policies, economic development strategies including business development and expansion, climate action goals, and resilience efforts.

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Council Member Maggie Ullman (Chair), Council Member Sage Turner, Council Member Kim Roney

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Approval of Minutes** (February 17, 2026)

2. **CDBG-DR Small Business Support Program Update**
   - **Resources:** Elma King, CDBG-DR Programs Manager
   - **Description:** Progress update on the program
   - **Materials:** Presentation
   - **Action:** Information Sharing

3. **Asheville Rides Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis Update**
   - **Resources:** Jessica Morriss, Assistant Transportation Director
     Chris Whitlock, Transit Division Manager
   - **Description:** Update on the status of the COA study and remaining timeline
   - **Materials:** Presentation
   - **Action:** Information Sharing

4. **Asheville Rides Transit Contract for Operations and Maintenance Update**
   - **Resources:** Jessica Morriss, Assistant Transportation Director
     Chris Whitlock, Transit Division Manager
   - **Description:** Preview of 3/24 Council item for approval of ART O&M contract
   - **Materials:** Presentation and Staff Report
   - **Action:** Vote and move forward to Council

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes Each)**

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Future Agenda Items ***(note - this is for planning purposes and subject to change)*:**

- Tentative: BC Arts and Culture Plan
- Staff Report Out: Q3 Data Report
- Resilience Hub Mapping update
- Tentative: Update on Downtown Activation