

**ASHLAND GENERAL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
December 5, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER

meeting called to order at 11:08

present was Hyatt, Love, Verner, Keller-Hand, and Gooden

1. Land Acknowledgment - We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work - the Iikirakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We denounce the egregious acts of the colonizers and government and recognize the horrific impacts that still exist today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we love and depend on: Tribes with ancestral lands in and surrounding the geography of the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma and Athabaskan people. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha - "Where the Crow Lights" - that is now the Ashland City Plaza.
2. Minutes from 11.7.2024

II. Regular Business

1. Follow up on budget support

The committee discussed developing budget recommendations for Council consideration.

2. Business outreach next steps

The committee discussed creating a survey for businesses and approaching Child Care Resource Network to help connect service providers and families with the survey.

Love has a rough draft for a business article for Business Oregon and shared Department of Early Learning and Care governor's budget for next biennium. Committee discussed.

Discussion of Boardman Food's Family First Childcare as a precedent demonstrating economic benefit and discussed potential for site visit by the committee.

3. Reminder: no January meeting. Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2025

III. ADJOURNMENT