



Economic Development Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

April 8, 2014

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Mello, and Walker.

Council Committee Members Absent: Boe and Thoms (alternate, arrived at 10:09 a.m.)

Approval of the minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting

Council Member Mello moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Walker. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA) Report

At approximately 10:07 a.m., Gary Pedersen, FWDA Board President, provided opening remarks.

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 10:09 a.m.

Su Dowie, FWDA Executive Director, reviewed the FWDA's accomplishments, including Johnny's Seafood transfer and remodel, groundbreaking of The Henry, and phase 2 esplanade funding. Ms. Dowie continued to review guiding principles to ensure public access, attract successful private investment, improve infrastructure, maximize external financial resources, and promote stewardship. Mr. Pedersen stated the action items to be addressed are determining commercial viability, establishing a financial plan, reviewing the Master Redevelopment Strategy, dock remediation, increasing waterway events, and construction completion. Discussion ensued regarding future events, sea walls and critical area buffers, site development, redevelopment, fuel docks, boat rentals, low/high density development, mixed-use centers, parking requirements, and wake zones. Council Member Walker requested information on kayaking events. Chair Campbell and Council Member Thoms requested information regarding wake zones and whether the Tacoma Fire Department's vehicles will continue to be docked on the Foss waterway. Council Member Mello requested information on bond funding for esplanade work.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is April 22, 2014 with a presentation relating to Tacoma Dome Art. She stated the meeting of April 29, 2014 will have presentations relating to timber industry trends and new housing construction, and a review of the Neighborhood Business District Program.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office



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