

# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
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June 11, 2024 10:00 AM

Chair Kiara Daniels, Vice Chair Olgy Diaz, Joe Bushnell, Jamika Scott, Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)

#### Call To Order

Vice Chair Diaz called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Diaz, Scott and Rumbaugh **Absent:** 2 - Bushnell and Daniels

Vice Chair Diaz participated virtually.

Chair Daniels arrived at 10:09 a.m.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Briefing Items**

**1. 24-0614** 

Green Jobs and Pathways Summit Update
[Katie Condit, Chief Executive Officer, WorkForce Central;
Kacee Woods, Program Manager; Pat Beard, Business Development Manager,
Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:10 a.m., Kacee Woods, Program Manager, Community and Economic Development (CED), introduced Katie Condit, Chief Executive Officer, WorkForce Central, and together they presented on the Green Jobs and Pathway Summit including an agenda; overview; topics covered; jobs and skills of the future; local, green training pathways; greening the public sector, noting the need for investments and how the small incubator projects function; increasing access and retention; city, state, and federal outlook; and next steps, noting beta testing being done for post-secondary pathways for students and using the East Tacoma area for future projects.

Discussion ensued regarding focus on training after release for incarcerated individuals, funding, air pollution in East Tacoma, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) workforce program using the Community Change Grant, the Tideflats Subarea Plan, non-green jobs turning into green jobs, de-siloing plans, aqua farming, projected data, working with Tacoma Public Utilities, engagement with Power Pacific and Puget Sound Energy, and clarification on how the Community Change Grant is facilitated.

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

2.	<u>24-0615</u>	June 25, 2024 -	Green Economy Update;
			Questions and Answers with Jeff Robinson
		July 9, 2024 -	2024 Disparity Study Update
		July 23, 2024 -	Economic Development Strategic Plan Work Session
		July 30, 2024 -	Tacoma Creates Advisory Board Interviews;
			BLOXHUB Update

Anna Le, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on June 25, 2024, and will include the green economy update and questions and answers with Jeff Robinson; the July 9, 2024, meeting will include the 2024 Disparity Study update; and the July 23, 2024, meeting will include the Economic Development strategic plan work session.

## **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

# Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Kiara Daniels, Chair

Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office