



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

April 14, 2015

10:00 AM

Chair Marty Campbell, Vice Chair David Boe,
Ryan Mello, Lauren Walker, Robert Thoms (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Present: 3 - Boe, Campbell and Mello

Absent: 1 - Walker

Approval of Minutes

1. [15-0408](#) Approval of the minutes from the March 24, 2015 meeting
MOTION: Vice Chair Boe moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.
Ayes: 3 - Boe, Campbell and Mello
Absent: 1 - Walker

Briefing Items

2. [15-0404](#) Downtown Food Truck Event [Patricia Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:02 a.m., Patricia Beard, Community and Economic Development (CED), reviewed the pilot food truck program that would include food trucks along Market Street, between 9th and 11th Streets, for a three month period. Donna Gross, Arnold's Happy Days, stated it is difficult to find a location for food trucks and this pilot program downtown will enhance the program for all. Discussion ensued regarding the location that was selected for the pilot program and signage. Ms. Beard noted the program sponsorship by

CED will pay for the parking spots utilized by the food trucks. Discussion continued regarding the potential of utilizing Tollefson Plaza for food trucks, the reasoning for the selection of Market Street, and other potential site options and challenges. Ricardo Noguera, CED, noted the intent is to bring vitality to the block and not to compete with downtown businesses. Discussion ensued regarding concerns with the site, how to make sure the pilot has the best opportunity to be successful, the need for commissary space, and the desire and opportunities for food trucks in Tacoma.

3. [15-0405](#) Spaceworks Update [Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Community and Economic Development; David Schroedel, Metropolitan Development Director, and Heather Joy, Spaceworks Coordinator, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce]

At approximately 10:30 a.m., Amy McBride, CED, played a short video with an introduction to the Spaceworks program. She stated the program started five years ago and was designed to create access to the arts and utilize empty storefronts. David Schroedel, Tacoma-Pierce County Chambers, reviewed Spaceworks partnerships, staff, steering committee, and funding of the program, including donations. Ms. McBride reviewed the art installations in the program. She provided a brief history of the program and stated in the next five years staff will work to scale the program, serve alumni and creative businesses, identify potential clusters, continue to activate and transform spaces, and stabilize funding. Discussion ensued regarding the program, including expansion, the potential use of City-owned properties, issues with locating the program in some of the buildings, and what happens to the businesses in the program as they grow and become established.

4. [15-0406](#) Tacoma Arts Commission Appointment [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 11:20 a.m., Chair Campbell noted a few days after the last set of interviews for the Tacoma Arts Commission a resignation was received. Brief discussion ensued regarding the candidates interviewed at the last Committee meeting.

MOTION: Vice Chair Boe moved to recommend the appointment of Paul Thorne to the At-Large No. 2 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to fill an unexpired term beginning June 8, 2015 to expire on December 31, 2016.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Ayes: 3 - Boe, Campbell and Mello

Absent: 1 - Walker

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. 15-0407 April 28, 2015
RockTenn [Brad Forbes, City Manager's Office]
Catalytic Project Program [Brad Forbes, City Manager's Office]

Brad Forbes, City Manager's Office, stated on April 28, 2015 the Committee will hear from RockTenn and the catalytic project program.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Wendy Fowler, City Clerk's Office