



# Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

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

December 2, 2013

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, and Walker.

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

## **Approval of November 18, 2013 Minutes**

Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2013. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared approved.

## **Metro Parks Planning Efforts Update**

At approximately 4:34 p.m. Doug Fraser, Metro Parks, reviewed 2005 park improvement projects, public outreach, public engagement in plan development, 2005 Park Bond leveraging success, capital planning, and legislative agenda. He then reviewed plans for Wapato Hills and Swan Creek. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for improvements at Titlow Park, the issue of homeless encampments at Wapato Hills, and Wapato Lake.

## **Affordable Housing: AHPAG Update**

At approximately 5:02 p.m. Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services (PDS) provided introductory comments on affordable housing and the Affordable Housing Policy Advisory Group (AHPAG). Elliot Barnett, PDS, provided background information on the AHPAG's affordable housing recommendations which are now part of the Planning Department's 2014 work program. He then reviewed affordable housing principles, progress on the recommendations, issues being worked on this year; and incentives and bonuses. Discussion ensued regarding Tacoma's market and how it may not support incentives and bonuses.

Mr. Barnett reviewed affordable options, Planning Commission items planned for 2015, and outreach. He concluded with next steps, noting this item is tentatively scheduled to come before the Council for review beginning in April 2014. Discussion ensued regarding land trusts.

## **Temporary Homeless Camps Permit Process**

At approximately 5:30 p.m. John Harrington, PDS, stated in 2010, the Washington Legislature passed ES House Bill 1956 which granted broad authority to religious organizations to host temporary homeless camps for individuals experiencing homelessness on property owned or controlled by such organizations. He stated it is the intent of the City to regulate temporary homeless camps to protect public health and safety and today's presentation is a follow-up to his last presentation on October 21, 2013 when he presented the status of the Code

development process and key issues for temporary homeless camp regulation. Mr. Harrington then reviewed Planning Commission comments and suggestions on the initial draft Code.

Mr. Harrington provided slides of area homeless camps visited; then reviewed staff recommendations; remaining issues staff are working on with the Planning Commission; and next steps, noting this item is tentatively scheduled to come before the Council for review beginning in February 2014. Discussion ensued regarding storm water requirements.

**Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the December 16, 2013 meeting is cancelled; and the next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2014.

**Other Items of Interest**

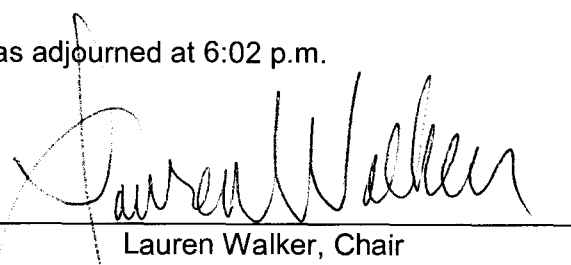
There were no other items of interest.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



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Lauren Walker, Chair



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Jennifer Joyce, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office