



Economic Development Committee Minutes

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

August 12, 2014

Vice Chair Boe called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Campbell.

Approval of the minutes of the July 22, 2014 meeting

Council Member Walker moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

City Events and Recognitions Committee Report

At approximately 10:10 a.m., Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, provided background information on the Committee, and introduced Roslyn Smith, Chair, and Valentine Smith, Vice Chair. Ms. Smith reviewed the Martin Luther King (MLK) Junior Event, including their focus, sponsors, presentations, and improvements. Discussion ensued regarding attendance, and creating a day of volunteer service for MLK day. Ms. Smith then reviewed the City of Destiny Awards, including partnerships, award categories, venue, attendance, and improvements. Discussion ensued regarding volunteer celebrations, including inclusion of Pierce County volunteers, partnership with United Way, and maintaining the event as a City event for those who provide direct service to the City. Ms. Watts reviewed challenges, opportunities, and next steps.

Neighborhood Business District Program (NBDP) Review Update

At approximately 10:32 a.m., Shari Hart, Community and Economic Development, provided background information on the NBDP, the outreach process, and research. Ms. Hart continued to review the findings from their outreach response, including more clarity on goals and role responsibilities, training and funding opportunities, and further marketing. She reviewed findings related to the City including, sidewalk/infrastructure improvements, consistent code enforcement, more small business advocacy, and parking solutions. She continued to review the timeline and proposed staff outcomes. Discussion ensued regarding mixed-use centers, criteria for a NBDP, providing assistance for business beautification in coordination with Public Works projects, and the role of the NBDP. Council Member Mello requested a list of findings from the outreach process, and a review of local improvement districts to help with infrastructure improvement opportunities. City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated the City is looking into coordinating City efforts with NBDP improvement desires. Vice Chair Boe requested staff coordinates with Public Utility projects as well.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is August 26, 2014 with a presentation regarding Live Downtown.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Mello requested an update on when the disposition of Tier 1 properties, the Center for Urban Waters Innovation Partnership Zone, and the Water Works Here Program topics will come to this Committee.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office



David Boe, Vice Chair



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