



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

December 09, 2014

10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

Vice Chair Boe called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Present: 3 - Boe, Mello and Walker

Absent: 1 - Campbell

Chair Campbell arrived at 10:14 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

1. 14-1256 Approval of the minutes of November 25, 2014
MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to approve the minutes of November 25, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Boe, Mello and Walker

Absent: 1 - Campbell

Briefing Items

2. 14-1257 Urban Clean Water Innovation Partnership Zone Update
[Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development; Geoff Smyth, Science and Engineering Division Manager, Environmental Services]

Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development, introduced Geoff Smyth, Science and Engineering Division Manager, Bruce Kendall, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board, Dr. Joel Baker, Chair of Environmental

Science at the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT), and Dr. John Stark, Professor of the Ecotoxicology Program at Washington State University (WSU) and Director of the WSU Puyallup Aquatic Toxicology Laboratory. She stated the zone was established in 2007 and reviewed the zone mission, boundaries, key partners, and strengths. Ms. Anderson then reviewed performance goals and metrics, including providing greater access to non-proprietary research and best water management practices relevant to urban clean water and targeting the water technology market for business recruitment, retention, and expansion. She also discussed conferences and symposia 2012 to present, and highlighted national and international speakers, recognitions and articles.

Chair Campbell arrived here, at 10:14 a.m.

Ms. Anderson stated the Community and Economic Development Department acts as the Innovation Partnership Zone administrator, including reporting, promotion of the clean water cluster, and international connections. Mr. Smyth discussed how the Environmental Services Department is involved, including the laboratory that focuses on analytic support of a number of key environmental regulations, testing media filtration stormwater treatment technologies, best management practice effectiveness testing, and testing pervious pavements. He discussed collaboration with UWT and Puget Sound Partnership and the concept for a Center for Urban Waters expansion. Mr. Kendall discussed recruitment and retention of companies and individuals in the clean water sector and the Wellspring Conference series held in Tacoma. Dr. Baker discussed major accomplishments since the Innovation Partnership Zone designation, including the clean water innovation laboratory created at UWT, innovative treatments and collaboration around Wapato Lake, and private partnerships. He discussed laboratory technology. Dr. Stark discussed the work of WSU, including a salmon toxicology laboratory and new opportunities from the expansion of the laboratory.

Discussion ensued regarding private partnerships, the certification process for storm water technologies and products, and WSU's work and the possibility of moving into the study of aquaculture.

3. 14-1258 Update on Tacoma Dome Roof Vinyl Decal Test
[Kim Bedier, Director, Public Assembly Facilities]

Kim Bedier, Director, Public Assembly Facilities, introduced Matt Balk, Facilities Manager for the Tacoma Dome, who has been working on the project. Mr. Balk stated installation of a basic TV test pattern was installed on June 10, 2014, and the decal material held up well. He discussed cleanliness, noting there was a noticeable film of dust that was more apparent on darker colors and the dirt collected at seams where the decal overlapped. He discussed testing of the removal of the material, noting the decal tore and came off fairly

easily but in several pieces and left a tacky texture behind which indicated the dome would need a full cleaning after the removal of the decal. He stated the department recommends funding for cleaning the roof every six months or at least twice a year at approximately \$150,000 per cleaning. He noted the impact of repeated cleanings with chemicals and power washing is not known, and recommended the pricing for removal of the product be locked in at a project cost, not an hourly cost.

Discussion ensued regarding the warranty of the Tacoma Dome roof and the warranty and potential fading of the product; the \$2.16 million installation cost and fundraising; the mesh advertisement on the roof for the Walking with Dinosaurs event and how it weathered; and the intent for how long the decal will be installed and what will happen to the roof after the potential removal of the decal. Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, stated the decal is not intended to be permanent and the initial amount would be funded by the Warhol Foundation and private donations, and stated the Warhol Foundation would also be interested in hearing more about the product and concerns expressed to ensure the integrity of the installation. Discussion ensued regarding the potential roof replacement in approximately 10 years and what type of material may be used. Discussion continued regarding funding for the roof cleaning, next steps with the Warhol Foundation and fundraising, and how long it could take receiving Council approval through potential installation.

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to recommend a resolution be put forward to the full Council for consideration to support the continuation of this project and the City's commitment, and to look at possible ramifications from the Warhol Foundation, and look at setting up a public/private partnership for fundraising.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Campbell, Mello and Walker

4. 14-1259

Tier 1 Property Disposition

[Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development; Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager, Real Property Services, Public Works]

Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development, introduced Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager of Real Property Services. Ms. Anderson stated the policy and framework for disposition was in August 2012 and staff classified thirteen properties as Tier 1 properties. She noted Tier 1 properties generally align with the following criteria: strategically located in the downtown or a mixed-use center with high visibility; are high in value (greater than \$500,000), and sizable (one-third of

an acre or greater); potential to generate a high level of community interest; and can be instrumental in meeting the City's economic development goals or in implementing key policies. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Hines then reviewed the 13 Tier 1 properties and the current status in developing and marketing each property, including: convention center parking lots, 1110-11124 Martin Luther King Way, 21st and Jefferson, Tacoma Dome Lot A, Tacoma Dome Lot G, 35th and Pacific, 2308 Holgate, Street Operations Administration, Street Operations Yard, Municipal Parking Lot, Park Plaza North, Sauro Site, and Beacon Senior Center.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation about the status, opportunities and constraints for each property.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. 14-1260 December 23, 2014 - No agenda items

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to cancel the meetings of December 23 and 30, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Campbell, Mello and Walker

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 11:55 a.m.


Marty Campbell, Chair
Wendy Fowler, City Clerk's Office