



Economic Development Committee Minutes

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

March 25, 2014

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Campbell, Mello, and Thoms (alternate).

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker.

Approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Economic Development District/Prosperity Partnership Regional Economic Strategy

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Patrick Pierce, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), Economic Development Program Manager, provided background information on the Regional Economic Strategy five year plan and the Prosperity Partnership for the Puget Sound region. Mr. Pierce reviewed the PSRC's strategy relating to transit funding, growth management, and economic development for the region. He then reviewed the Economic Development District (EDD) Board which works on federal grants and state funding. Mr. Pierce reviewed the Regional Economic Strategy relating to talent/job access, strong infrastructure, strong business within the region, and the role of the City. Mr. Pierce reviewed the PSRC regional work plan, including road work for congestion relief, policy needs, tourism, high school graduation requirements, Cultural Access Washington, regional awareness of the 2015 Chambers Bay U.S. Open, manufacturing administrative programs, regional supply chains, clean technology, and grants.

Discussion ensued regarding opportunities for economic development growth in the City, including University of Washington-Tacoma campus, Port of Tacoma, Joint Base Lewis McCord proximity, Center for Urban Waters, University of Puget Sound, Sound Transit light rail, theaters, museums, and local prosperity. Discussion continued regarding regional issues, including transportation, the VISION 2040 update, Seattle's housing and education system, urban sprawl, economic development, redevelopment, regional manufacturing community, aerospace, growth management, and the potential of satellite offices from large Seattle employers in Tacoma. Mr. Pierce stated he will provide information on the manufacturing communities in the region.

Tacoma Arts Commission Report

At approximately 10:58 a.m., Amy McBride, Community and Economic Development (CED), reviewed the Tacoma Arts Commission, including membership and City Council liaisons. Traci Kelly, Chair, and J.D. Elquist, Vice Chair, reviewed impacts of arts in the City, funding, activities, event attendance, artists, public art in Tacoma, and upcoming 2014 projects. Ms. Kelly and Mr. Elquist continued to review 2013 projects, including the Pacific Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project, Tacoma Murals Project, Spaceworks Tacoma, Art

EnviroChallenger, Art at Word: Tacoma Arts Month, Metal-Urge, and Arts Work-Live Space. Mr. Elquist reviewed expanding audiences, including artTown, social media practices, and expansion of art throughout the City. Discussion ensued regarding economic development, Tacoma Dome artwork, audience expansion, and commission members. Council Member Mello requested staff provide information on the status of adding art to the Tacoma Dome. Chair Campbell requested information on the status of interviews for the four vacancies on the Tacoma Arts Commission, and the letters sent to the City Manager's Office by the Arts Commission and Neighborhood Councils relating to artwork on the Tacoma Dome.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is April 8, 2014 with a presentation relating to the Foss Waterway Development Authority Report. Ms. Gallagher presented items to be reviewed by this Committee from the City Manager's Report. Discussion ensued regarding the Neighborhood Business District program, CED updates, U.S. Open planning, building redevelopment, and Tacoma Police Department Sector 4 updates.

Other Items of Interest

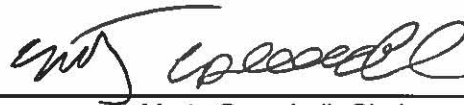
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

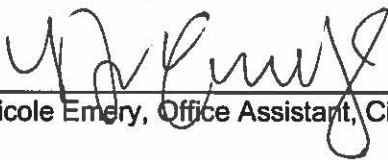
None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office



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