



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

October 10, 2017

10:00 AM

Chair Marty Campbell, Ryan Mello,
Marilyn Strickland, Robert Thoms, Conor McCarthy (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Present: 4 - Campbell, Mello, Thoms and McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Council Member McCarthy, alternate, was in attendance.

Briefing Items

1. [17-1020](#) City of Tacoma Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality and the Arts & Culture Coalition [Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Community and Economic Development and David Fischer, Executive Director Broadway Center for the Performing Arts]

At approximately 10:14 a.m., Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Community and Economic Development (CED), introduced Mike Sweney, Tacoma Arts Commission Chair and discussed the current art events taking place throughout the City and the art and economic impact study that showed an increase in arts economic growth within the City by 50 percent.

Ms. McBride presented current development taking place around the City including Alma Mater, McKinley Lofts, and Birdloft Studio. Ms. McBride then presented the Culture and Transportation Plan for the Theater District, Theater District Artwalk, Public Art Public Action and arts community engagement events that took place in 2017.

David Fischer, Executive Director, Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, and Jackie Jones, Executive Director, Buffalo Soldier Museum, presented on the Arts and Culture Coalition and introduced the Cultural Access Funding to bring more art activities to the public.

Discussion ensued regarding adding additional public art and the creative opportunities for the future while involving the communities with art.

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to forward the Cultural Access Funding Initiative to Study Session.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 4 - Campbell, Mello, Thoms and McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Strickland

2. [17-1021](#) Small Business and Revitalization Update
[Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager and Carol Wolfe, Community and Economic Development Supervisor, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:51 a.m., Carol Wolfe, Community and Economic Development Supervisor, CED, presented a brief overview of the key programs and service areas that the Small Business and Neighborhood Revitalization Unit collaborate with as well as partnerships. Ms. Wolfe discussed workshops and tools for small businesses to utilize in addition to a new partnership with Harborstone Credit Union, and a microsite launching in November 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding the evolving financing for small businesses, challenges businesses face when beginning and the current programs meeting specific needs for small businesses.
3. [17-1022](#) Economic Development Dashboard Report
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 11:14 a.m., Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist, CED, provided a brief overview of the second quarter Economic Indicators Summary. Ms. Bingham reported that there has been a decrease in permits issued, but there are larger projects occurring in Tacoma.

Discussion ensued regarding making the Economic Indicators Summary and presentations available to the public.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [17-1024](#) October 24, 2017 - Briefings on Historic Buildings Relationship to Economic Development in Downtown Tacoma; Economic Development Advisory Group "Light Up Tacoma" initiative; 2017 pilot for the Dome to Defiance Trolley.

Lynda Foster, Committee Liason, stated the next meeting will be on October 24, 2017, and will include briefings on historic buildings relationship to economic development in Downtown Tacoma, the Economic Development Advisory Group "Light Up Tacoma" initiative and the 2017 pilot for the Dome to Defiance Trolley.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Marty Campbell, Chair

Lauren Young, City Clerk's Office