



Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

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

October 7, 2013

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

Approval of September 16, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Lonergan moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Community Cleanup Program

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Allyson Griffith, Community Based Services (CBS), provided background information on the City's Community Cleanup Program and the application process. She then reviewed 2013 cleanup coverage areas, outreach, results, participation and tonnage collected over time.

Ms. Griffith concluded with next steps, including the application process for the 2014 season, a review with partner organizations for process improvements, and new branding from the Media and Communications Office. Discussion ensued regarding community participation and tire recycling. Council Member Lonergan requested information on tire counts. Council Member Boe inquired about using TV Tacoma programming to promote the application process. Council Member Ibsen inquired about the types of accommodations requested from individuals involved in the cleanups.

Tacoma Murals Project Update

At approximately 4:50 p.m., Amy McBride, Community and Economic Development (CED), stated the Tacoma Murals Project was established in 2010 as a Safe, Clean, and Attractive team initiative with the goal of using community-based art to combat blight and vandalism. She stated the project is a partnership between the CED Arts Division and CBS who jointly fund the program and noted 23 murals will be completed by the end of 2013. She then reviewed the selection criteria, and provided a slideshow of various murals around the city. She concluded with next steps, including identifying more walls and partners, connecting artists with community projects, and considering ways to rapidly respond to vandalism via mural implementation. Council Member Boe inquired about promoting the murals on TV Tacoma programming and connecting them to Mobility Master Planning efforts for a bike tour or bicycle-related event. Chair Walker inquired about repairs to old murals or moving them to new locations. Council Member Lonergan inquired about the cost of a mural.

Council Member Ibsen asked if the youth artist component has been expanded or if there are plans to expand.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is October 21, 2013 and tentative topics include traffic circle beautification, temporary homeless encampments, and an update on the Noise Code.

Other Items of Interest

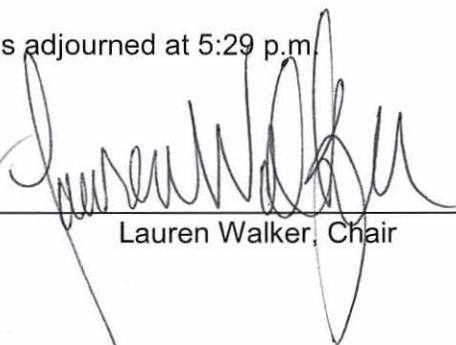
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.



Lauren Walker, Chair



Jennifer Joyce, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office