



# Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

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

November 18, 2013

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

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker (arrived at 5:05 p.m.)

## **Approval of November 4, 2013 Minutes**

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

## **Neighborhood Councils Program and Ordinance Revisions**

At approximately 4:36 p.m. Carol Wolfe, Community Based Services, stated on November 4, 2013, she presented an update for revisions to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 1.45 regarding Neighborhood Councils, and on a Standards and Guidelines document. She noted after receiving public testimony and feedback from the Committee, additional revisions were requested. She then reviewed final draft changes made to TMC 1.45 including a 60-day notice to the Community Council and Neighborhood Councils in advance of revisions to the Standards and Guidelines document; aligning language with State law regarding non-profit incorporation; not making substantive changes to TMC 1.45; using TV Tacoma and other media and communication tools to promote the Neighborhood Councils; adding a map of Neighborhood Councils to the Standards and Guidelines document; and requiring a presentation on Neighborhood Councils regardless of conclusions at the 5-year review.

Ms. Wolfe reviewed the final draft changes to the Standards and Guidelines Document. She then concluded with next steps, including full Council consideration of the revised Neighborhood Council ordinance and a resolution to adopt the Standards and Guidelines document; proposing a resolution adopting adjusted Neighborhood Council boundaries by the end of the first quarter of 2014, consulting with Media and Communications on communication strategies, and implementing immediate changes and innovative grant review in 2014. Council Member Boe requested the full Council be briefed on this item before any items are taken before the full Council for consideration. Discussion ensued regarding briefing the full Council at a study session.

Public comment was heard from John Thurlow, Northeast Neighborhood Council.

Council Member Boe moved to forward this item to full Council for consideration. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

### **Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews**

At approximately 5:00 p.m. City Clerk Doris Sorum provided background information on the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the positions currently open. The Committee then interviewed the following individual:

1. Christopher Granfield

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 5:05 p.m.

The following individuals were interviewed for the Landmarks Preservation Commission:

2. Jonah Jensen
3. Lysa Schloesser
4. Kathy Ursich
5. Jeff Williams
6. Duke York

Council Member Boe moved to recommend the re-appointment of Duke York to the professional designation on the Landmarks Preservation Commission to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2014 to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Boe moved to recommend the re-appointment of Jonah Jensen to the architect designation on the Landmarks Preservation Commission to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2014 to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Boe moved to recommend the appointment of Jeff Williams to the professional designation on the Landmarks Preservation Commission to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2014 to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Lysa Schloesser to the architect designation on the Landmarks Preservation Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Christopher Granfield to the at-large designation on the Landmarks Preservation Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Committee Members requested more outreach to Council Districts Nos. four and five, noting the need for more gender and ethnic diversity on the Committees, Boards, and Commissions.

**Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is December 2, 2013, and tentative topics include a presentation from Metro Parks Tacoma on their planning efforts, an update on affordable housing, and on the permit process for temporary homeless camps. She noted the December 16, 2013 meeting has been cancelled. Council Member Boe noted he may be unavailable for the December 2, 2013 meeting and requested the alternate be contacted.

**Other Items of Interest**

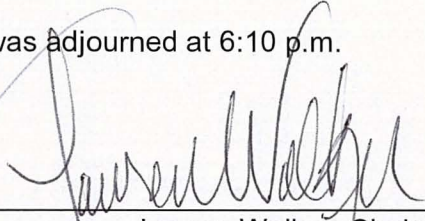
There were no other items of interest.

**Public Comment**

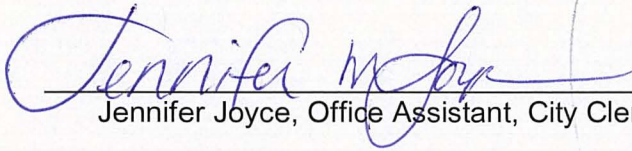
Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Lauren Walker, Chair



Jennifer Joyce, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office