



# Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

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

July 21, 2014

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

## **Approval of June 16, 2014 Minutes**

Council Member Lonergan moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

## **Neighborhood Council Boundary Adjustment**

At approximately 5:33 p.m., Carol Wolfe, Community Based Services, stated the Neighborhood Council Program was comprehensively reviewed in 2013 which resulted in revisions to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 1.45 as well as the adoption of the Standards and Guidelines document for the program. She noted on August 5, 2013, recommendations were made to the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee for adjustments to three existing Neighborhood Council boundaries. Ms. Wolfe stated TMC Section 1.45.050 states that the City Council shall determine the boundaries of the Neighborhood Councils and shall set those boundaries by resolution. She noted staff has reviewed the recommendations from August 5, 2013 and plan to bring a resolution changing the boundaries forward for Council consideration on July 29, 2014. Ms. Wolfe then reviewed the proposed boundary adjustments for the West End to the North End; Central to the West End; and New Tacoma to the North End. She concluded with outreach and next steps. Council Member Lonergan requested staff find a better way to communicate with the Neighborhood Councils to ensure that all Councils receive proper notification on issues. Discussion continued regarding disadvantages when neighborhood councils are split by an arterial street and how money can or cannot be spent.

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

## **Sidewalk Maintenance Program**

At approximately 5:47 p.m. Dana Brown, Public Works Division Manager, provided introductory comments on the Sidewalk Maintenance Program and reviewed investments and miles of sidewalks replaced over the last ten years. He then reviewed the Property Abatement Program, including enforcement codes and procedures; and statistics for the Sidewalk Program from 2003 to 2013, including unfunded, cost share participation, completed

by abatement, and completed by property owner. Discussion ensued regarding funding sources, if City staff inspect sidewalks for potential issues and do preventative work, if the number of missing links for sidewalks in the City are known, the average cost of replacing a sidewalk, if there is a way to partner with commercial entities to encourage more improvements, and the estimated cost to repair all of the known sidewalk repairs needed at this time. Council Member Boe suggested more cross-promoting of programs. Discussion continued regarding reporting.

**Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is August 4, 2014, and the tentative topic is single family development efforts.

**Other Items of Interest**

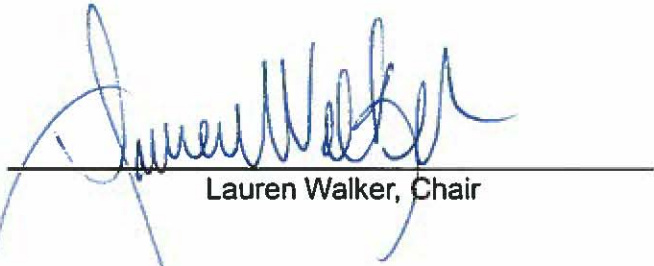
There were no other items of interest.

**Public Comment**

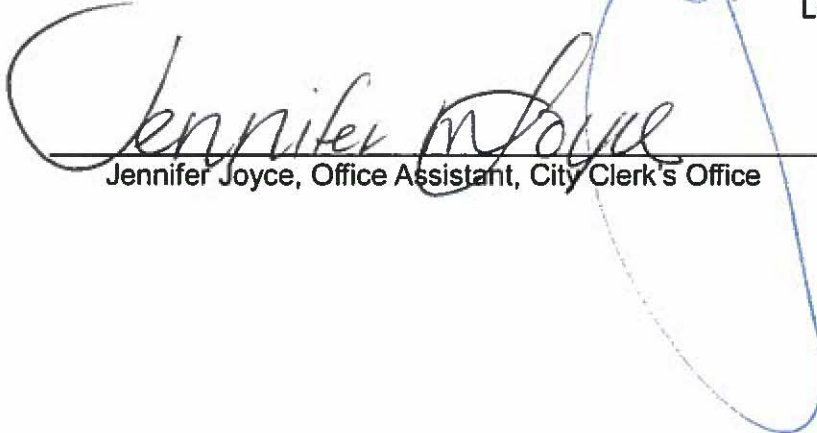
None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Lauren Walker, Chair



Jennifer Joyce, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office