



Economic Development Committee Minutes

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

September 24, 2013

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Campbell, and Mello.

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker (arrived at 10:14 a.m.)

Approval of September 10, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Vocational Training Agencies

At approximately 10:06 a.m. Peter Guzman, Community and Economic Development, provided an overview of the Local Employment and Apprenticeship Program, including background information and current issues. He then introduced program partners, including Bates Technical College, Clover Park Technical College, and Workforce Central. Mr. Guzman noted there are more program partners than those present today.

Dr. Ron Langrell, Bates Technical College President, provided opening remarks pertaining to workforce education and noted he would like to come back to this Committee at a later time to present Bates' workforce resume, including a seven-year plan. Cheri Loiland, Bates Technical College, provided an overview of workforce training programs available at Bates.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 10:14 a.m.

Ms. Loiland reviewed apprenticeship, pre-apprentice, degree, and certificate programs available at Bates. She then noted some programs will be moving to different campus locations. Discussion ensued regarding positions available in the manufacturing industry and Bates' campus locations.

Mabel Edmonds, Clover Park Technical College, reviewed Clover Park's mission, strategic goals, and career programs offered. She then discussed workforce needs and economic development. Discussion ensued regarding entrepreneurship and business development.

Linda Nguyen, WorkForce Central, provided background information for WorkForce Central and introduced Mark Martinez, Chair of Youth Building Tacoma. Mr. Martinez reviewed the Trades Discovery Preapprenticeship Center and the Youth Building Tacoma Program. Ms. Nguyen then reviewed current partners and future partners needed to sustain and grow the program. Discussion ensued regarding WorkForce Central partners, how program cuts in high schools affect students and their decision to attend a technical college, gaps in diversity and resources, program marketing, what the City can do to help vocational training agencies

achieve their mission, ways to address issues that prevent students from getting to class, and transportation barriers. Ms. Edmonds stated recent cuts by Pierce Transit severely affected programs at Clover Park Technical College; Council Member Walker offered to help facilitate a meeting with Pierce Transit and vocational training agencies. Ms. Nguyen stated on November 18, 2013, there will be a Pierce County Career Day for utilities, construction, and manufacturing and transportation.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is on October 8, 2013, and will include a presentation from Amy McBride, Community and Economic Development, regarding the arts and economic development, including expansion of the Spaceworks program.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Boe requested an update on economic development plan relating to the Pacific Avenue Streetscape project.

Public Comment

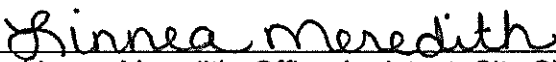
None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office