



# Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

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

June 16, 2014

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

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Ibsen.

## **Approval of June 2, 2014 Minutes**

Council Member Lonergan moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

## **Derelict Buildings**

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Lisa Wojtanowicz, Neighborhood and Community Services, provided background information and reviewed building compliance, including current open cases, derelict and dangerous building metrics, building security metrics, enhanced compliance tools, repeat offenders, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding whether a building can be downgraded from dangerous to derelict if some repairs have been made, board-up patterns, average response times for first time offenders, the Old City Hall building, and vacant property registration.

## **Minimum Building and Structures Code Update**

At approximately 5:00 p.m., Ms. Wojtanowicz, provided background information and reviewed proposed revisions to Chapter 2.01 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, Minimum Building and Structures Code, including a peer city review, ensuring consistency with state and national codes, ensuring an end game, and holding property owners accountable. She concluded by reviewing internal and external outreach and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the peer city review, including the criteria used to determine which cities were included in the review. Council Member Boe suggested staff consider adding Bellingham, Bremerton, and Everett to the peer city review list. Council Member Lonergan requested staff include the Rental Housing Association in external outreach efforts.

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, stated the July 7, 2014 meeting will include a presentation regarding Neighborhood Council boundary adjustments, and noted the sidewalk enforcements and improvements in neighborhoods topic will be rescheduled. She then stated all items from the July 21, 2014 meeting will also be rescheduled. Ms. Watts concluded by stating the August 4, 2014 meeting will include an update on single-family development efforts.

**Other Items of Interest**

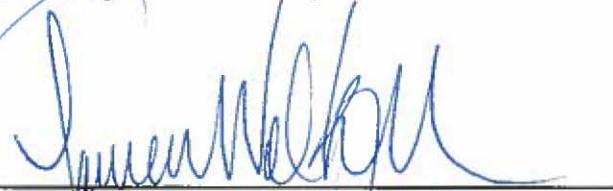
There were no other items of interest.

**Public Comment**

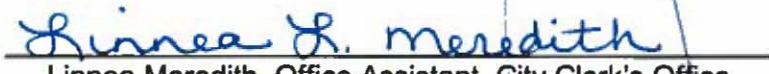
None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



Lauren Walker, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office