



Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

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

April 7, 2014

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Boe.

Approval of March 17, 2014 Minutes

Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

Chair Walker stated the presentation on the temporary homeless camps permit process would be heard first, followed by the interviews for the Tacoma Community Development Authority.

Temporary Homeless Camps Permit Process

At approximately 4:43 p.m. Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), stated today's briefing is a follow-up from the March 17, 2014 Committee presentation and the April 1, 2014 public hearing before the Council, and staff are requesting a recommendation to move this item forward to the full Council for consideration.

John Harrington, PDS, addressed issues raised during the public process, including background checks, other regulatory controls, public notice distance, application fee, requirements to locate camps within ¼ mile of a transit stop, and integration between the camp housing model and other homeless services and facilities in the community. Mr. Harrington concluded with next steps, stating an ordinance to amend Titles 2 and 13 of the Tacoma Municipal Code to create a defined permitting process for temporary homeless camps and implement a permit fee, is tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on April 15, 2014. Council Member Lonergan requested a follow-up presentation on this item after implementation, be added to the Committee's work plan.

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

TCRA Interviews

Chair Walker asked Jacinda Howard, Community and Economic Development/TCRA liaison, to explain the open vacancies on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board (TCRA) and on the TCRA's desired skills from the "contractor" position. Ms. Howard noted one of the individuals scheduled for interview tonight, Rea Hagen, is unable to attend tonight's interviews, but is very interested in being reappointed.

The Committee then interviewed the following individuals:

1. John Lewis
2. Helen-Hien Tran

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Committee would like to interview Rea Hagen by phone or if the Committee would like to reappoint her now. Discussion continued regarding the qualifications of the two candidates interviewed tonight.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the reappointment of Rea Hagen to the "Contractor" position on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term to expire December 31, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Helen Tran to the "Contractor" position on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term to expire December 31, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, stated the April 21, 2014 meeting is cancelled due to a lack of a quorum and the next meeting will be on May 5, 2014.

Other Items of Interest

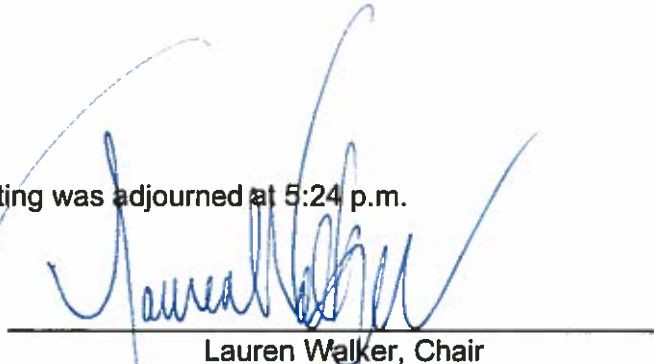
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.



Lauren Walker, Chair



Jennifer Joyce, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office