



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

**March 24, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

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Chair Marty Campbell, Vice Chair David Boe,  
Ryan Mello, Lauren Walker, Robert Thoms (alternate)

## Call To Order

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Present:** 4 - Boe, Campbell, Mello and Walker

## Approval of Minutes

1. [15-0304](#) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2015  
**MOTION: Vice Chair Boe moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Boe, Campbell, Mello and Walker

## Briefing Items

3. [15-0306](#) Applicant interviews for City Events and Recognitions Committee  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

Chair Campbell stated the Committee would hear one interview before hearing from the Foss Waterway Development Authority. The Committee interviewed Mr. Lawrence Coleman for a position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee.

2. [15-0305](#) Foss Waterway Development Authority Update  
[Su Dowie, Executive Director, Foss Waterway Development Authority]

Su Dowie, Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA), introduced

Board Member Bill Driscoll, then stated at the last meeting the FWDA discussed the possibility of allowing lower density uses on some of the sites on the waterway and the Council indicated they wanted time to consider the request. Ms. Dowie noted when going to bid with the properties it is more likely to receive proposals for surface parking lots or low-density uses. Vice Chair Boe stated he does not see value in waiting on the properties and he is comfortable with temporary or minimal-density uses. He noted the potential to move or adjust view corridors on the waterway if it will help drive development options. Council Member Walker noted her interest in affordable housing options for the properties. Discussion ensued regarding the probability of bringing in high-density options, using parking as a temporary option, having mixed-density development across the properties, and looking at future uses for the Municipal Dock site. Discussion continued regarding low-density use versus a temporary surface parking lot.

Ms. Dowie noted that Larry Anderson had to resign his position on the FWDA Board and requested the appointment of an interim Board Member. Discussion ensued regarding the appointment. Chair Campbell requested the item come before the Committee at the next meeting.

3. [15-0306](#) Applicant interviews for City Events and Recognitions Committee [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

The Committee interviewed Mr. Dion Thomas for a position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Boe moved to recommend the appointment of Dion Thomas to the District No. 4 position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire July 31, 2016.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Boe, Campbell, Mello and Walker

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the appointment of Lawrence Coleman to the District No. 5 position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to serve a three-year term to expire July 31, 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Boe.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Boe, Campbell, Mello and Walker

Discussion ensued regarding the potential to leverage the Martin Luther King, Jr. event and add service-related events with a community partner. Discussion continued regarding the possibility of hiring event planners to work with CERC on event operations and have the committee look at events on a policy level and how to bring in events that serve and accentuate the diverse communities in Tacoma.

### Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. 15-0307 March 31, 2015 - Applicant Interviews for Tacoma Arts Commission

Brad Forbes, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting will be March 31, 2015, and will include applicant interviews for the Tacoma Arts Commission. Council Member Mello inquired about having a conversation on the U.S. Open. City Manager Broadnax stated the topic is scheduled for study session.

### Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

### Public Comment


There was no public comment.

### Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Wendy Fowler, City Clerk's Office