



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

July 11, 2017

10:00 AM

Chair Marty Campbell, Ryan Mello,
Marilyn Strickland, Robert Thoms, Conor McCarthy (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Briefing Items

Chair Campbell stated the Committee would hear the Industrial Activities Update first.

2. [17-0660](#) Industrial Activities Update [*Informational Briefing*]
[Elly Walkowiak, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:06 a.m., Elly Walkowiak, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development, introduced Joel Jones, Industrial/Office Specialist, Neil Walter Company, to present an overview of the demand and growth of industrial properties. Mr. Jones stated Tacoma's industrial market faces challenges but has strengths with future development. Jonas Swarthouw, Business Development Manager, NewCold, presented on the expansion of the industrial company to the United States with headquarters located in Tacoma. Mr. Swarthouw stated NewCold applies technology to make their services more reliable and efficient.

Discussion ensued regarding the Port of Tacoma area development, business operation and supply chain for NewCold while creating jobs.

- 1. [17-0659](#) Neighborhood Business District Program Activity Update
[Informational Briefing]
 [Shari Hart, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 11:01 a.m., Shari Hart, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development, presented a biannual update on the Economic Development Strategic Framework Plan. Ms. Hart stated this plan includes business district and neighborhood revitalization, strengthening retail, creating a walkable environment, and supporting adaptive reuse and infill development. Ms. Hart discussed an overview of accomplishments in each business and neighborhood district as well as plans for the future.

Discussion ensued regarding additional ideas for the Strategic Framework Plan, including pedestrian waste cans and solar compactors.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

- 3. [17-0661](#) July 25, 2017 - Museum and Theater District Update and Recreation & Tourism; The Connection to Economic Development

India Adams, Management Analyst, stated the next meeting will be on July 25, 2017, and will include a Museum and Theater District Update and a presentation on recreation and tourism.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.



 Marty Campbell, Chair



 Lauren Young, City Clerk's Office