



Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

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

August 18, 2014

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

Approval of June 21 and August 4, 2014 Minutes

Council Member Lonergan moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of July 21 and August 4, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Rapid Graffiti Removal Update

At approximately 4:33 p.m. Allyson Griffith, Community Based Services (CBS), stated the purpose of today's presentation is to update the Committee on the Graffiti Rapid Removal pilot project and a recently completed survey of eligible property owners conducted by Hambleton Resources, Inc. regarding property owner awareness of the program, property owner utilization of the program and customer satisfaction with graffiti removal services. She then reviewed desired pilot objectives, pilot program specifics, and work flow.

Bert Hambleton, Hambleton Resources, discussed the property owner survey, including survey methodology, findings, and recommendations. Ms. Griffith concluded by reviewing next steps, including to complete the full year of the pilot program, continue quarterly updates with performance measures and provide a recommendation for the 2015-2016 biennial budget. Discussion ensued regarding the mailings used for the survey.

Minimum Buildings and Structures Code Update

At approximately 5:00 p.m. Lisa Wojtanowicz, Division Manager, CBS, stated the purpose of today's presentation is to review proposed changes to the Minimum Building and Structures Code (MBSC). She provided background information on the MBSC, stating the purpose is to ensure the maintenance and improvement of the City's existing buildings, and noted there are four categories of buildings: non-standard, substandard, derelict, and dangerous. She stated the goals of the changes to the MBSC include to have consistency with state and national laws, ensure an end game, and hold property owners accountable. She then reviewed internal and external outreach and review. Discussion ensued regarding the definition of vacant; and abandonment. Ms. Wojtanowicz then reviewed the proposed Code revisions in further detail; and concluded with next steps, including a presentation to the Board of Building Appeals this week, a study session presentation in September, and tentative first reading of an ordinance to amend the MSBC on October 7, 2014. Discussion ensued regarding terminology used in the

Code. Chair Walker suggested anyone with specific questions or concerns with these proposed Code amendments should provide them to Ms. Wojtanowicz as soon as possible.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Genesis Gavino, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting on September 1, 2014 is cancelled due to the Labor Day Holiday. She noted the next meeting is September 15, 2014 and tentative topics include Land Use Code development regarding affordable housing, and another update on the MBSC.

Other Items of Interest

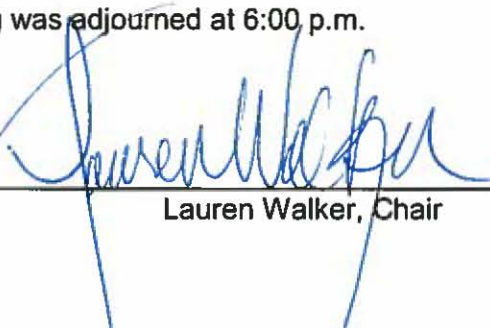
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

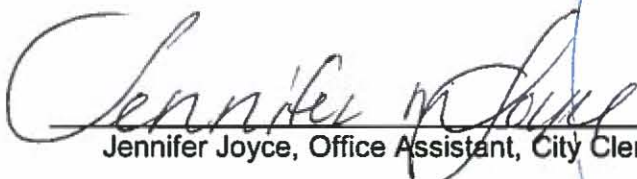
None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Lauren Walker, Chair



Jennifer Joyce, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office