



Economic Development Committee Minutes

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

August 26, 2014

Vice Chair Boe called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Mello, and Thoms (alternate).

Council Committee Members Absent: Campbell and Walker.

Approval of the minutes of August 12, 2014

Council Member Mello moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Live Downtown Program Update

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Kristina Walker, Downtown on the Go (DOTG), provided an overview of Downtown Tacoma, including population, median housing price, walkability, and background information on DOTG. Mike Hutchinson, GeoEngineers, described his experience as a company in the downtown area. Ms. Walker reviewed the Live Downtown Program, including problems relating to turnover, productivity, healthcare, and parking costs. Discussion ensued regarding the median housing prices, downtown zip codes, commuting, incentives, conservation policies, employee benefits, loan programs, kid-friendly activities, walking programs, and employer participation. Council Member Mello requested staff review potential forgivable loan programs.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is September 9, 2014 with presentations relating to the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum, and first and second quarter 2014 Economic Indicators Report. She stated that this Committee will have interviews in the fall for the City Events and Recognitions Committee, Foss Waterway Development Authority, and Tacoma Arts Commission; presentations related to the disposition of Tier 1 properties, and the Center for Urban Waters Innovation Partnership Zone.

Other Items of Interest

Discussion ensued regarding the Thea Foss waterway esplanade development.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

David Boe, Vice Chair

Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office