



City of Tacoma Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 02, 2015

4:30 PM

Chair Lauren Walker, Vice Chair Joe Lonergan,
David Boe, Anders Ibsen, Victoria Woodards (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Ibsen, Lonergan and Walker

Absent: 1 - Boe

Deputy Mayor Boe arrived at 4:37 p.m.

Chair Walker requested introductions of staff and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes

1. 15-0073 Approval of the minutes of January 5, 2015

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 3 - Ibsen, Lonergan and Walker

Absent: 1 - Boe

Briefing Items

2. 15-0074 Neighborhood Council Review Check-In
[Carol Wolfe, Community Based Services]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Carol Wolfe, Community Based Services, provided an update on the Neighborhood Council Program, including background information, the impact of the revised ordinance and standards and guidelines document, and program enhancements related to communication and outreach.

Deputy Mayor Boe arrived here, at 4:37 p.m.

Ms. Wolfe continued to review program enhancements related to communication and outreach, social media and online presence, and building leadership capacity. Discussion ensued regarding mailings sent to the Neighborhood Councils. Ms. Wolfe then reviewed the impact of the 2013-2014 Innovative Grant Program hiatus, 2014 boundary modifications, the impact of funding the Innovative Grant Program for 2015-2016, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the Innovative Grant Program, including funding, evaluation criteria, whether there are written guidelines for projects, and the Puget Sound Regional Council's Growing Transit Communities equity grants.

Public comment was heard from Janis Clark, Safe Homes; Ginny Eberhardt, West End Neighborhood Council; and Valentine Smith, Central Neighborhood Council.

3. 15-0075 Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption
[Carey Jenkins, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 5:06 p.m., Debbie Bingham, Community and Economic Development, provided an overview of the multi-family property tax exemption regarding Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, including background information, existing code issues related to redevelopment and displacement requirements, and objectives. She then reviewed current code language and proposed code changes to replace the six-month vacancy requirement with a requirement to provide 90 days move notice, and provide housing of comparable size, quality, and price; and require relocation assistance for tenants qualified as low-income. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed code language related to the definition of new development versus proposed development, displacement issues, and the impact of the proposed language on tenants. Connie Brown, Tacoma-Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium, requested staff add language that requires

tenants to be relocated to housing that meets or exceeds the code.

Ms. Bingham continued reviewing current and proposed code language. She concluded by reviewing next steps. Discussion ensued regarding whether developers will neglect rental properties in order to apply for housing programs.

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to forward the proposed code changes to the full City Council for consideration and approval, provided the changes discussed today are highlighted at the Council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Boe.

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

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan and Walker

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. 15-0076 February 16, 2015 - CANCELLED

Genesis Gavino, City Manager's Office, stated the February 16, 2015 meeting is cancelled, and the March 2, 2015 meeting will include the Solid Waste impact of rental housing.

Other Items of Interest

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to reappoint Council Member Walker as Chair of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee for 2015.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Boe.

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

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan and Walker

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to reappoint Council Member Lonergan as Vice-Chair of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee for 2015.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan and Walker


Deputy Mayor Boe requested this Committee take part in the walk or bike tour of the Tacoma Mall subarea plan with the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Lauren Walker, Chair



Linnea Meredith, City Clerk's Office