



City of Tacoma

Economic Development

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

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November 28, 2023

10:00 AM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Kiara Daniels, Joe Bushnell,
Olgy Diaz, Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Diaz and Rumbaugh

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Daniels

Vice Chair Daniels arrived at 10:03 a.m.

Council Member Bushnell arrived at 10:13 a.m.

Vice Chair Daniels and Council Member Diaz participated virtually.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Briefing Items

1. [23-1153](#) Tacoma Creates Update
[Lisa Jaret, Tacoma Creates Program Manager, Community and Economic Development]

Vice Chair Daniels arrived, here at 10:03 a.m.

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Lisa Jaret, Tacoma Creates Program Manager, Community and Economic Development, introduced Clarissa Gines, Art Program Planner, and Sheree Cooks, Chair of Tacoma Creates Advisory Board and Director of Tacoma Urban League. Together, they presented on the Tacoma Creates annual report of 2022-2023, including an overview; background; primary funding goals; program year 2022-2023 noting statistics; program locations, including a map; financial access with totals of participants and attendees; an example of how Tacoma Creates reduces

barriers; financial summary; youth education programs; partnership with Tacoma public schools; partnership with Tacoma public library; growth and sustainability; updates and what is next.

Council Member Bushnell arrived here, at 10:13 a.m.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the annual budget amounts; partnerships with the Puyallup Tribe and its members; building capacities; what the process is for adding organizations to Tacoma Creates; funding structures; engagement request for organizations that include higher age range targets; and bringing in more non-profit organizations that can meet all age groups.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [23-1154](#) December 12, 2023 - Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews
 December 26, 2023 - Cancelled
 January 9, 2024 - To Be Determined

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated there are no topics on the 2024 calendar at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding updates for the coming year, a request for topics from departments, prioritizing and scheduling agenda topics, the economic and development strategic plan, other topics the Committee would like to discuss, and coordinating with the new Committee Chair.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Keith Blocker, Chair

Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office