



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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December 14, 2021

10:00 AM

Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Keith Blocker,
Catherine Ushka, Victoria Woodards (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Thoms called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [21-1224](#) Approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting.

MOTION: Vice Chair McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

Briefing Items

2. [21-1198](#) TVE Director Interviews
[Tadd Willie, Deputy City Manager]

At approximately 10:07 a.m., Tadd Willie, Deputy City Manager, stated the Committee would be interviewing the three final applicants for the Tacoma Venue and Events (TVE) Director position, that a nation-wide search had been conducted, and that the first round of interviews had already been completed.

The Committee interviewed Adam Cook, Marc Jones, and Alexis Berggren.

3. [21-1199](#) Tacoma Creates Annual Report
[Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Tacoma Venues and Events]

At approximately 10:51 a.m., Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, TVE, introduced Lisa Jaret, Tacoma Creates Program Manager, and Clarissa Gines, Tacoma Creates Coordinator, TVE; and Amanda Figueroa, Chair, Tacoma Creates Advisory Board. Together they presented the Tacoma Creates Annual Report 2020-2021, including background; an overview of the 2020-2021 program year; primary funding goals; a financial summary, noting revenues, expenses, and program reserves; youth education programs; education partnerships; equity and access, noting reported evidence of success; and community member perspectives.

Discussion ensued regarding a request for a list of organizations that have been funded, youth programs, geography of services across multiple age groups, and appreciation for staff's work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [21-1200](#) December 28, 2021 - Cancelled

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, expressed appreciation for Chair Thoms and his work and leadership on the Committee, and stated the December 28, 2021, meeting has been cancelled, that staff have recommended the January 11, 2022, meeting be cancelled, and that the first EDC meeting of 2022 would be on January 25, 2022, and would include election of a new Committee Chair.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment


There was no Public Comment.


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Committee Members expressed appreciation to one another for their work on the Committee throughout the year, and for Council Member Thoms' work on the City Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.


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Robert Thoms, Chair



Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office