

City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
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July 11, 2023 10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Council Member Daniels participated virtually.

Chair Blocker arrived at 10:08 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Briefing Items

1. **23-0711**

Small Business Technical Assistance Funding Outcomes [Dierdre Patterson, Business Financing Program Manager, Community and Economic Development]

Chair Blocker arrived here, at 10:08 a.m.

At approximately 10:08 a.m., Dierdre Patterson, Business Financing Program Manager, Community and Economic Development, presented on the small business pandemic assistance technical assistant programs including an overview; business needs assessment; small business innovation fund technical assistance programs overview; Spaceworks digital resiliency grant program summary; Kay Tita digital sales access program; Devland GROW Tacoma Program; combined program outlooks; program participant feedback; key findings; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding an invitation to the Trade Association Hospitality group, small business support, key findings regarding post-incubation implementation, capital readiness and flexibility, next steps of the Technical Assistance grant, trainings, workshops, business retention and expansion.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. <u>23-0712</u> July 25, 2023 - Farmers Market 2022 Annual Report and

Business Incubation

Impact, Business Improvement Area Expansion Update

August 8, 2023 - Business License Update

August 22, 2023 - Equity In Contracting Code Update

Cathy Satava, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on July 25, 2023, and will include presentations on the Farmers Market 2022 Annual Report and business incubation; the August 8, 2023, meeting will include a business license update; and the August 22, 2023, meeting will include the Equity In Contracting code update.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Keith Blocker, Chair

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