



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908

Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/88227539908](http://www.zoom.us/j/88227539908) Passcode: 614650

**March 08, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

---

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Kiara Daniels, Joe Bushnell,  
Conor McCarthy, Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)

## Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Daniels

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 10:16 a.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [22-0293](#) Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2021
2. [22-0294](#) Minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2022

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Daniels moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021, and January 25, 2022, meetings.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Bushnell.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Daniels

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

## Briefing Items

3. [22-0295](#) Downtown Tacoma Partnership Update  
[David Schrodel, Executive Director, Downtown Tacoma Partnership]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., David Schrodel, Executive Director, Downtown Tacoma Partnership (DTP), presented an update on the DTP, including background; the DTP Board Members; the DTP 2022-23 budget; the 2017 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Survey; recent history, noting the years 2017-2022; and past projects and events.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 10:16 a.m.

Mr. Schrodel further reviewed impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and 2022 and beyond.

Discussion ensued regarding the value of the DTP, the South Tacoma Business District's safety team, expanding the DTP's Sound Bites in 2022, expanding the DTP to the Hilltop area of the City, changes to security in downtown Tacoma since 2018, increasing security downtown, BIA timelines, and communication with the Cross District Association of Tacoma.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [22-0296](#) March 22, 2022 - Equity in Contracting Status Update  
March 29, 2022 - To Be Determined

Jeff Robinson, Executive Liaison, confirmed with the Committee to schedule a discussion on the Port of Tacoma and the Manufacturing Industrial Council for the South Sound's perspectives on the Tideflats Subarea Planning Project process for the March 29, 2022, meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding requests for future updates on the broken window reimbursement program, and private security in the downtown area; and whether the process to increase security can be sped up.

## Other Items of Interest

This item was not addressed.

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



---

Keith Blocker, Chair

 for

---

Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office