



# Economic Development Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

May 13, 2014

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Campbell, Mello, and Walker.

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

## **Approval of the minutes of the April 29, 2014 meeting**

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Walker. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

## **Goodwill Job Training Programs**

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Ricardo Noguera, Community and Economic Development Director, provided opening remarks on the Goodwill's key role on job creation and employment training. Richard Croak, Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region, reviewed their name change from Goodwill Tacoma, and the economic impact of Goodwill on the region, including savings in social service programs, local products and services, and payment of state and local taxes. He continued to review workforce development programs, including ready to work and technical skills training, job placement and support services, and services for the disabled and disadvantaged, including the Resources for Education and Career (REACH) Center, the Starbucks Community Store, Veterans services, and General Educational Development classes. Discussion ensued regarding costs of running workforce development programs and services, requirements to participate in programs, the area in which program participants reside, medical field course curriculum, advancement in the work place, the REACH Center, the minimum wage versus a livable wage, training programs for all ages, how the boutique stores obtain their sellable product, and future availability of online kiosks to the Goodwill store website from inside stores. Mr. Croak stated that Goodwill jobs are above minimum wage and provide health and dental plans, vacation and sick leave, and paid holidays. Mr. Noguera stated the Goodwill also has a coffee stand and provides catering services. Council Member Walker requested a map relating to where citizens who use the Goodwill programs and services reside.

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the meeting of May 27, 2014 will have a presentation relative to the Neighborhood Business District (NBD) Program, and interviews for the Tacoma Arts Commission will be held on June 10, 2014. Discussion ensued regarding timelines for presentations. It was decided that the meeting of May 27, 2014 will be cancelled and the NBD Program update will be moved to the meeting of June 24, 2014.

## **Other Items of Interest**


Discussion ensued regarding banners within City limits, their purpose and funding for upkeep and replacement.


**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

  
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Marty Campbell, Chair

  
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Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office



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