



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

June 28, 2016

10:00 AM

Chair Marty Campbell, Ryan Mello,
Marilyn Strickland, Robert Thoms, Conor McCarthy (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Present: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Approval of Minutes

1. [16-0618](#) Approval of the minutes of June 14, 2016

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Mello.

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Briefing Items

2. [16-0620](#) Minority Business Development Agency Grant Overview (Carey Jenkins, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development)

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Carey Jenkins, Community and Economic Development (CED), provided an overview on the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), including background information, vision, mission and objective, operational model, centers in the US, eligible firms, target clients, specifics of the Tacoma grant, integration with City programs,

and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding MBDA office location, creating new business, specifics of the Tacoma grant, additional resources, additional lenders, and eligible firms.

3. [16-0621](#) Update on Economic Activity in Neighborhood Business Districts (Shari Hart, Economic Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development)

At approximately 10:25 a.m., Shari Hart, CED, and Kevin Grossman, Cross District Association (CDA), provided an update on the economic activity in the Neighborhood Business Districts. Ms. Hart discussed retail, environmental streetscape, adaptive reuse and infill development, and development in the works. Mr. Grossman discussed background information on CDA activity, 2016-2017 CDA goals and work plan, economic development framework, and Tacoma 2025 core values.

Discussion ensued regarding budget, Experience Tacoma website, feedback, the Stadium project, Starbucks, trash cans and recycle bins, banner poles, and mixed-use development in the Lincoln District.

4. [16-0622](#) Local Revitalization Financing Program Update (Elly Walkowiak, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development)

At approximately 11:07 a.m., Elly Walkowiak, CED, provided an update on the Local Revitalization Financing Program, including background information, the Downtown Revitalization Area, public improvements, contracts, comprehensive plan and development regulations, funds, public improvement financing, financing gap, resources, fiscal impact, project size, underutilized structures or sites, issues, alternatives, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding Revitalization Area boundaries, alternative funding, underground powerlines, public parking structures, esplanade, spending of funds, creating additional funds, and state funds.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [16-0623](#) July 12, 2016 - CERC Interviews; Food Truck Policy Recommendations; Q1 Economic Dashboard

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be held on July 12, 2016, and topics will include interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee, food truck policy recommendations and first quarter Economic Dashboard.

Discussion ensued regarding topics for upcoming meetings, including the

vision of the Port of Tacoma area and Tacoma Public Utilities.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment


There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office