



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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August 31, 2021

10:00 AM

Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Keith Blocker,
Catherine Ushka, Chris Beale (alternate)

Call To Order

Vice Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, McCarthy and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [21-0852](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2021 meeting
2. [21-0853](#) Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, and May 11, 2021, meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, McCarthy and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

3. [21-0854](#) Tacoma Anchor Network Update
[Bucoda Warren, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Media and Communications Office]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Bucoda Warren, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Media and Communications Office, gave an update on the Tacoma Anchor Institution Network (TAN), including an overview; a description of what anchor institutions and the TAN are; current members; history, noting the launch of TAN, the accomplishments of 2018 through early 2020 meetings, how TAN responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 2021 adoption of an anti-racist approach; strategic framework process; the TAN mission statement; core priorities; core activities; meetings; initial working groups, noting workforce development, procurement landscape, addressing affordable housing and organizational capacity; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding recognition for both current and past staff for their work on this project, TAN's potential and value, and the relationships TAN has created.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [21-0855](#) September 14, 2021 - Tacoma Public Utilities Economic Development

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on September 14, 2021, and will include a presentation on Tacoma Public Utilities economic development and that the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board interviews have been rescheduled to the September 28, 2021, meeting. Ms. Foster concluded by stating that there is a resolution on tonight's City Council agenda, regarding revising Council Member appointments, to change the alternate of the Economic Development Committee for the rest of the year to Mayor Woodards, to assist with quorum issues.

Other Items of Interest

There were no items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Robert Thoms, Chair

Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office