



City of Tacoma

Economic Development

Committee Minutes

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 868 2412 7684
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April 12, 2022
10:00 AM

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

Call to Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 10:01 a.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

****Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 10:01 a.m.**

Briefing Items

1. [22-0419](#)

Equity in Contracting

[Carol Wolfe, Division Manager, Community and Economic Development;
Lyle Quasim, Chair, Tacoma Pierce County Black Collective]

At approximately 10:01 a.m. Carol Wolfe, Division Manager, Community and Economic Development, provided opening remarks and introduced Lyle Quasim, Chair, Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective. Together they presented an update on equity in contracting (EIC), including an agenda; background; Washington Initiative 200; the 2018 Disparity Study; the Community Workforce Agreement Task Force (CWA); work done in 2019; recommendations, noting the phased approach; 2021 activities related to consolidating language and updating the waiver process; 2022 activities to leverage and align programs and waiver analysis; 2022 priorities; establishing the EIC Advisory Committee; recruitment strategies; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding EIC capacity building, major recommendations that have not been codified, trying to get as many contractors from minority-

and women-owned businesses into the EIC program as soon possible, outreach and engagement, barriers of working with the government, barriers of paying contractors in a timely manner, Sound Transit, the EIC Task Force versus the CWA Task Force, and overlap between the work of the Joint Municipal Action Committee and the EIC Advisory Committee.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [22-0422](#) April 26, 2022 - To Be Determined
May 10, 2022 - To Be Determined
May 24, 2022 - City Events and Recognition Committee Interviews

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated the next meetings will be on April 26, 2022, and May 10, 2022, and the topics are to be determined, and the May 24, 2022, meeting will include interviews for the City Events and Recognition Committee.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Bushnell expressed concern with economic development in the Hosmer area.

Discussion ensued regarding how to best address Council Member Bushnell's concerns.

Council Member McCarthy spoke about expansion of Business Improvements Areas (BIAs) in other districts of Tacoma and Prime security,

Discussion ensued regarding updates being given to the Committee on the interest of four BIAs in different areas of Tacoma, that they can pursue and take next steps with, as well as research being done by staff to further improve security.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Kiara Thomas, City Clerk's Office