



City of Tacoma

Economic Development

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908
Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/88227539908 Passcode: 614650
August 09, 2022
10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Daniels
Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Briefing Items

1. [22-0871](#) Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they would be interviewing three additional applicants for the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee in addition to the five applicants interviewed at the July 26, 2022, meeting.

The Committee interviewed Robert (Bobby) Humes, Michael Jordan, and Trena Payton.

Discussion ensued regarding when the Committee would discuss applicant qualifications and make recommendations.

2. [22-0873](#) Sister Cities
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:25 a.m., Debbie Bingham, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development, provided opening remarks, including a background on Sister Cities, and introduced Clare Petrich, Chair, and Frances Lorenz, Vice Chair, Tacoma Sister Cities Council. Together, they

presented an update on the Tacoma Sister Cities Council, including background and cities that make up the Council, nonprofit work done over the past year, effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, recent outreach work, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding sports collaboration opportunities, connecting with the World Trade Center, and recovering after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [22-0874](#) August 23, 2022 - Tacoma Creates Advisory Board Interviews,
Business Financing Update
August 30, 2022 - Green Economy Study, Travel Tacoma Presentation
September 13, 2022 - Greater Seattle Partners

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on August 23, 2022, and will include Tacoma Creates Advisory Board interviews and an update on business financing; the August 30, 2022, meeting will include updates on the green economy study and Travel Tacoma; and the September 13, 2022, meeting will include an update on Greater Seattle Partners.

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 11:01 a.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Kiara Thomas, City Clerk's Office