



City of Tacoma

Economic Development

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

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January 10, 2023

10:00 AM

Keith Blocker, Joe Bushnell, Kiara Daniels,
Olgy Diaz, Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 3 - Bushnell, Bushnell and Diaz

Briefing Items

1. [23-0012](#)

Tacoma Creates Annual Report

[Amy McBride, Division Manager, Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Amy McBride, Arts Administration Division Manager, Community and Economic Development (CED), provided opening remarks on Tacoma Creates and introduced Lisa Jaret, Tacoma Creates Arts Program Administrator, Clarissa Gines, Tacoma Creates Arts Program Planner; and Rico Lastrapes, Senior Management Support Technician, CED; and Sheree Cooks, Chair, Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (TCAB). Together, they presented Tacoma Creates' annual report, including images of events that Tacoma Creates sponsored at various locations; background; an overview of the 2021-2022 program year; primary funding goals; program locations; a financial summary, noting revenues, expenses, and program reserves; youth education programs; education partnerships, noting Tacoma Public Schools and the Tacoma Public Library; equity and access, noting reported evidence of success; TCAB's perspective; and updates and looking ahead.

Discussion ensued regarding the structure of the funding guidelines; capacity expenses; and equity and access, noting community outreach, the ability to rent City facilities, and funding.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [23-0013](#) January 24, 2023 - RAIN Incubator; William Factory Incubator; Committee Elections
January 31, 2023 - Greater Seattle Partners
February 14, 2023 - To Be Determined

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on January 24, 2023, and will include presentations on the Readiness Acceleration and Innovation Network (RAIN) Incubator and the William M. Factory Small Business Incubator, and election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair; the January 31, 2023, meeting will include a presentation on Greater Seattle Partners; and the February 14, 2023, meeting will include an update on the Port of Tacoma.

Other Items of Interest

Vice Chair Daniels requested an update on the Tacoma Youth Marine Center.

Council Member Rumbaugh inquired about quorum issues if she were to attend the RAIN Incubator presentation at the January 24, 2023, Committee meeting.

Jeff Robinson, Executive Liaison, announced that a presentation on business license fees will be coming to the Committee at a date to be determined.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



for

Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office