



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

September 27, 2016

10:00 AM

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

## Call To Order

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**Present:** 3 - Campbell, Strickland and Thoms

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

## Approval of Minutes

1. [16-0914](#) Approval of the minutes of September 13, 2016

**MOTION:** Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Thoms.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Strickland and Thoms

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

## Briefing Items

2. [16-0915](#) Tacoma Arts Commission and Spaceworks Update (Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Community and Economic Development)

At approximately 10:07 a.m., Amy McBride, Community and Economic Development (CED), provided opening remarks and introduced Mike Sweney and Rachel Cardwell, Tacoma Arts Commission; Heather Joy, Spaceworks; and Tim Norris, a local designer.

Mr. Sweney presented a short video providing an overview of the Tacoma Arts Commission. Ms. McBride and Ms. Cardwell then provided an update on Artfull Tacoma strategies, including growing and sustaining the creative economy. Mr. Norris provided information relative to the Etsy Maker Cities Award. Ms. Joy provided information on Spaceworks Tacoma.

Ms. McBride, Mr. Sweney, and Ms. Cardwell continued discussing strategies, including promoting equity, diversity, and inclusiveness through the arts; using public art to create active, accessible, and welcoming public places; strengthening Tacoma's creative ecosystem; and optimizing performance and capacity of arts programming, services, and operations.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding Spaceworks income, partnerships, and using art to enhance industrial areas.

3. [16-0916](#) Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Update (Carey Jenkins, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development)

At approximately 10:40 a.m., Carey Jenkins, CED, provided an update on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA), including background information, achievements, affordable housing, down payment assistance, microenterprise and job creation, property acquisition, efficiencies and best practices, and concluded by discussing next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding housing affordability, leveraging the TCRA, generating program income to expand activity, mapping equitable disbursement, and partnerships.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [16-0917](#) October 11, 2016 - Special Events Program Update & Enhancements

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be held on October 11, 2016, and will include an update on the Special Events Program and enhancements.

## 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 11:11 a.m.

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Marty Campbell, Chair

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Amanda Punsalan, City Clerk's Office