



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 14, 2017

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 10:06 a.m.

**Present:** 4 - Campbell, Mello, Strickland and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

Council Member McCarthy, alternate, was in attendance.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [17-0171](#) Approval of the minutes of January 10, 2017  
**MOTION: Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Campbell, Mello, Strickland and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

2. [17-0172](#) Approval of the minutes of January 24, 2017  
**MOTION: Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Campbell, Mello, Strickland and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## Briefing Items

3.     [17-0174](#)     Creative Space Development, Alma Mater  
[Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:07 a.m., Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Community and Economic Development, introduced Rachel Ervin and Jason Hemminger, leadership of Alma Mater. Mr. Hemminger presented on the purchase of the old carpenter building and the reconstruction plans to include the variety of arts to include a music venue, recording studio, community programming space, micro hotel, café, public and focus group space, green space, and parking. He stated this building is set to open in fall 2017 and will support economic growth in Tacoma as a social hub.

Discussion ensued regarding the complications of renovating due to financial sustainability, building upgrade requirements and civil advancements such as parking lots, curbs, and sidewalks.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4.     [17-0175](#)     March 28, 2017 - Update on Workforce Development and Job Training in Tacoma; FWDA Property Update

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on March 28, 2017, and will include an update on Workforce Development and Job Training in Tacoma and a Foss Waterway Development Authority Property Update.

## 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 10:47 a.m.

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Marty Campbell, Chair

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Lauren Young, City Clerk's Office