



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

May 29, 2018

10:00 AM

Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka, Lillian Hunter,
Victoria Woodards, Chris Beale (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Woodards

Approval of Minutes

1. [18-0570](#) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2018

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Woodards

2. [18-0572](#) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2018

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Woodards

Briefing Items

3. [18-0571](#) Tacoma Mall Update and Trends in the National Retail Activities
[Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development Department - Private Capital Division]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development, made opening remarks and introduced Chuck Davis, Senior Vice President of Development, West Stanford Shopping Center, and Cara Ritchie, General Manager, Tacoma Mall. Mr. Davis provided background information on Simon Malls, including the number of centers throughout the country, occupancy rates, stock trends, history behind the business, operations, business models, consumer trends, and online business trends. He continued on the redevelopment concept of the Tacoma Mall, including department size reductions, consumer desire, location of the proposal, features, design firm involved, design logic, site property lineup, street tree enhancements, proposed tenants and retailers, expansions of current tenants, architecture, and letter of intents initiated.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the proposed site plan, including the location of the proposed theater addition, permitting process and timeline, barriers, potential for appeals, and walkability. Discussion continued on community and external concern and support, brick and mortar involvement, a retail scoping study including private property owners and outreach and opportunities. Discussion concluded on what involvement the City Council can have in the progression of the redevelopment.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [18-0573](#) June 12, 2018 - Joint Base Lewis-McChord Regional Economic Impact

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting on June 12, 2018 will include Joint Base Lewis-McChord regional economical impact, the meeting on June 26, 2018 will include workforce development and manufacturing industry job landscape, and the meeting of July 10, 2018 will include a Port of Tacoma and Seattle Seaport Alliance update and a traditional fuels 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 10:55 a.m.

Conor McCarthy, Chair

Stacy Manthou, City Clerk's Office