



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

November 13, 2018

10:00 AM

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Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka, Robert Thoms,  
Victoria Woodards, Chris Beale (alternate)

## Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**Present:** 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## Approval of Minutes

1. [18-1333](#) Approval of the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting
2. [18-1334](#) Approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting

**MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, and October 9, 2018 meetings.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## Briefing Items

3. [18-1335](#) City Events and Recognitions Committee Interview  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:14 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided information regarding vacancies on the City Events and Recognitions Committee (CERC)

and informed the Committee Members that Kate Rhoades was previously invited to interview for the CERC at the October 9, 2018 meeting but was unable to attend, and at the request of the Committee she was rescheduled to interview.

The Committee interviewed Kate Rhoades.

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee vacancies.

**MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to recommend the appointment of Kate Rhoades to the City Events and Recognitions Committee to the “At-Large No. 2” position to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

4. [18-1336](#)

Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:20 a.m., Ms. Sorum provided information regarding vacancies on the Tacoma Arts Commission (TAC). She further informed the Committee that applicant Kim Norton previously interviewed for the CERC at the October 9, 2018 meeting, and at that time, the Committee suggested she may be a better fit for the TAC and would be considered for the Commissions vacancies today.

The Committee interviewed Mariesa Bus, Heide Fernandez-Llamazares, Davis Freeman, Anna Holcomb, Marshall Samuela, James Stowe, and Sarah Woodson.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of applicants being considered, clarification of the Commission positions and who can qualify for each one, applicants' qualifications, current Commission demographics, the total number of Commission positions, and if there is a need for more positions.

**MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to recommend the appointment of Anna Holcomb to the “At-Large No. 8” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2019, to expire December 31, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to recommend the appointment of Heide Fernandez-Llamazares to the “Professional No. 3” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2019, to expire December 31, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to recommend the appointment of James Stowe to the “Professional No. 4” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2019, to expire December 31, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to recommend the appointment of Sarah Woodson to the “Working Professional Artist” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2019, to expire December 31, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to recommend the following three applicants to a shortlist, in order of importance, for future consideration on the Tacoma Arts Commission: Davis Freeman, Marshall Samuela, and Kim Norton.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

5.      [18-1337](#)      November 27, 2018 - Foss Waterway Development Authority Interviews; Introduction to Greater Seattle Partners - the newly created three-county economic development organization

Chair McCarthy stated the meeting on November 27, 2018 will include Foss Waterway Development Authority interviews and an introduction to the Greater Seattle Partners for the newly created three-county economic development organization.

## **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 11:30 a.m.

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Conor McCarthy, Chair

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Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office