



# City of Tacoma

## Economic Development

### Committee Minutes

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

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**March 14, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Kiara Daniels, Joe Bushnell,  
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, Bushnell and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Daniels and Diaz

Vice Chair Daniels arrived at 10:10 a.m.

### Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

### Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0250](#) Approval of the minutes of the November 22, 2022, meeting.

**MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022, meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Daniels and Diaz

## Briefing Items

2. [23-0236](#) Update on Foss Waterway Redevelopment  
[Patricia Beard, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development; Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works; Joe Brady, Deputy Director, Metro Parks Tacoma]
- At approximately 10:05 a.m., Pat Beard, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development, presented an update on the Foss Waterway, including background and the Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA) transition. Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works, reviewed City of Tacoma updates, including completed and upcoming projects.
- Vice Chair Daniels arrived here, at 10:10 a.m.
- Kristi Evans, Capital Program Manager, Metro Parks Tacoma, continued by providing updates on Metro Parks Tacoma and the Melanie Jan LaPlant Dressel Park (Melanie's Park). Beard and Hines concluded by reviewing next steps.
- Discussion ensued regarding the Foss Waterway Owners Association, the current status and square footage of Site 4, safety concerns for Melanie's Park, if there has been interest in wood reclamation from Site 8, future plans and usage of Site 8, and accessibility to the waterway.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [23-0237](#) March 28, 2023 - Citywide Business Survey Update; Equity in Contracting Year End Report  
April 11, 2023 - Manufacturing Industrial Council Perspectives on the Tideflats Subarea Plan  
April 25, 2023 - Update on Green Economy; Business License Fees and Planned Business Survey Panel Discussion

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the March 28, 2023, meeting has been cancelled, noting the Citywide business survey and Equity in Contracting year end report presentations will be rescheduled; the April 11, 2023, meeting will include presentations on the Manufacturing Industrial Council perspectives on the Tideflats Subarea Plan, and the green economy; and the April 25, 2023, meeting will include a presentation on the business license fees and planned business survey panel discussion.

## Other Items of Interest

Council Member Bushnell expressed interest in sharing information on the City's Equity in Contracting year end report with other cities in the region.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.



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Keith Blocker, Chair

 For  
Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office