



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 13, 2018

10:00 AM

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

## Call To Order

Chair Thoms called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

**Present:** 4 - Ushka, Thoms, Woodards and McCarthy

## Briefing Items

- 1     18-0128     Annual Business Improvement Area Update (informational briefing)  
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist, CEDD - Neighborhood Business  
District Revitalization]

At approximately 10:15 a.m., Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development, introduced David Schroedel, Manager, Business Improvement Area (BIA), to provide an overview of the BIA, the additional boundary expansion, and updated services. Mr. Schroedel discussed the assessment revenue, projected expenses, expansion of services, perceptions of downtown Tacoma, and the 2018 boundary expansion.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost for building or land owners to utilize the BIA services, additional expansions to other districts including 6th Avenue and the Tacoma Dome district, showcasing the BIA model to other areas, and potentially coordinating 311 service requests to BIA.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

- 2      18-0129      February 27, 2018 - Farmers Markets Annual Report; Downtown to Defiance Trolley, MetroParks Update on Pt. Defiance Zoo

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on February 27, 2018, and will include the farmers market annual report, Downtown to Defiance trolley, and an update on Point Defiance Zoo. The meeting scheduled for March 13, 2018 will be canceled.

## Other Items of Interest


Discussion ensued regarding Council Member Ushka's request for research from staff on the best practice for a third party organization, public or private, to fill the gap in economic growth with funding for construction and development to encourage infrastructure in challenged districts such as district four.


## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

  
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Robert Thoms, Chair  
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Lauren Ryker, City Clerk's Office