



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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November 30, 2021

10:00 AM

Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Keith Blocker,
Catherine Ushka, Victoria Woodards (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Thoms called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [21-1183](#) Approval of the minutes of the June 29, 2021 meeting.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2021, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

2. [21-1184](#) Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews
 [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:10 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing six applicants for the Tacoma Arts Commission and reviewing one written response from Heide Fernandez-Llamazares, who is seeking reappointment; that Bronwyn Dorhofer and Sara Freeman have withdrawn from consideration; and that there are five positions available including At-Large Nos. 1 and 8, Professional Nos. 3 and 4, and the Working Professional Artist position.

The Committee interviewed Natasha Lane, Ann Meersman, Wade Neal, Marissa Schlesinger, Angela Weaver, and Joseph Williams; and reviewed the written response from Heide Fernandez-Llamazares.

Discussion ensued regarding term lengths, District 3 representation, and the qualification of applicants.

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the reappointment of Heide Fernandez-Llamazares to the “Professional No. 3” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2022, to expire December 31, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Natasha Lane to the “Working Professional Artist” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2022, to expire December 31, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Joseph Williams to the “Professional No. 4” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2022, to expire December 31, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Angela Weaver to the “At-Large No. 1” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to fill an unexpired term, effective January 1, 2022, to expire December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Wade Neal to the “At-Large No. 8” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2022, to expire December 31, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [21-1185](#) December 14, 2021 - Tacoma Venue and Events Director Interviews;
Tacoma Creates Annual Report

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on December 14, 2021, and will include Tacoma Venue and Events Director interviews and Tacoma Creates' annual report, and that a new Committee Chair and Vice Chair will need to be elected next year.

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 11:10 a.m.

 on behalf of
Robert Thoms, Chair

Jered Lobban
Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office