



City of Tacoma

Economic Development

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conference Room 248
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908
Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/88227539908 Passcode: 614650

June 14, 2022

10:00 AM

**Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Kiara Daniels, Joe Bushnell,
Conor McCarthy, Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)**

REVISED

Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Daniels

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Vice Chair Daniels participated virtually.

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Council Member McCarthy arrived here at 10:04 a.m.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0636](#) New Chamber Executive Director Introduction
[Andrea Reay, President & CEO, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Andrea Reay, President and CEO, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, presented an agenda; biography; current initiatives and programs, noting Spaceworks, the Manufacturing and Industrial Council, and capital access; possible future collaborations; and feedback.

Discussion ensued regarding the work Andrea Reay is doing with the Kiva Loan Program, money that was raised, the differences between the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce when obtaining outside investments, how to bring services to Downtown Tacoma, and opportunities for businesses to collaborate with the

City to help heighten security around Tacoma.

2. [22-0637](#) Neighborhood Business District Update
[Shari Hart, Lead Program Development Specialist,
Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:37 a.m., Shari Hart, Lead Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development (CED), provided an overview of the Neighborhood Business District (NBD) program update, including an overview, background, NBD associations, and City support. Tim Marlowe, President, Cross District Association of Tacoma, provided an overview of the Cross District Association of Tacoma. Hart concluded by presenting the CED strategic plan, pandemic numbers, and evolution and alignment.

Discussion ensued regarding how Neighborhood and Community Services and CED work with the NBDs.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [22-0638](#) June 28, 2022 - WorkForce Partnerships Update;
Window Replacement Program Summary
July 12, 2022 - Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews
July 19, 2022 - Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews
July 26, 2022 - Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be held on June 28, 2022, and will include updates on the WorkForce partnerships and window replacement program summary, and the July 12, 2022, meeting will include interviews for the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee.

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 10:59 a.m.

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Keith Blocker, Chair

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Kiara Thomas, City Clerk's Office