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
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February 27, 2024
10:00 AM

Chair Kiara Daniels, Vice Chair Olgy Diaz, Joe Bushnell, Jamika Scott, Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Daniels called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz and Scott

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Briefing Items

1. **24-0183** Sister City Update
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Debbie Bingham, Program Manager, Community and Economic Development, introduced Clare Petrich, President, Tacoma Sister Cities Council. Together, they presented an overview, vision, photographs, active and semi-active Sister Cities, 2023 and 2024 funding for Tacoma Sister Cities Council, community accelerator grant, community partnerships and sponsors, 2023 activities, Fawcett Elementary is a Sister Cities School, events held, fundraising, what's coming in 2024, mission statement, upcoming events, and appreciation.

Discussion ensued regarding process of becoming a Sister City, opportunities for students, internship possibilities, government official exchange, state department involvement, port involvement, budget and funding, relationships with the cities, aligning goals with problem solving within the City, engagement with youth, connections, and appreciation for the Sister Cities Council and staff.

2. **24-0184** 2023-2024 Downtown Tacoma Partnership Update
[David Schroedel, Executive Director, Downtown Tacoma Partnership]

At approximately at 10:48 a.m., David Schroedel, Executive Director, Downtown Tacoma Partnership (DTP), presented on keeping downtown safe, clean, and welcoming, including a brief history, leadership and staff, and how the rate structure works; 2023 DTP safety report; 2023 DTP clean report noting, total trash and graffiti removals; DTP's goal to be welcoming, noting community channels; community events; store front openings and closings from 2020-2023; and headlines driving downtown, noting an increase in homicides throughout Tacoma.

Discussion ensued regarding expectations of the City and safety levels, graffiti, clean up crew, redesign for trash cans, grocery store downtown, membership structure, conflict resolutions, relationships with the City's alternative response teams, event funding, increase in crime, and budgeting.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. **24-0185**

March 12, 2024 -	Cancelled
March 26, 2024 -	Travel and Sports Tacoma Update
April 9, 2024 -	National League of Cities Healthcare Training Pilot
April 23, 2024 -	Business Improvement Area Status Updates

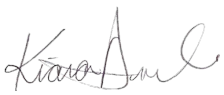
Cathy Satava, Committee Liaison, stated the March 12, 2024, meeting has been cancelled; the March 26, 2024, meeting will include the Travel and Sports Tacoma update; the April 9, 2024, meeting will include the National League of Cities healthcare training pilot; and the April 23, 2024, meeting will include the Business Improvement Area status updates.

Other Items of Interest

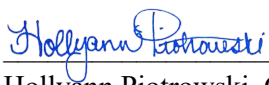
There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



Kiara Daniels, Chair



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