



City of Tacoma Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

January 05, 2015

4:30 PM

Chair Lauren Walker, Vice Chair Joe Lonergan,
David Boe, Anders Ibsen, Victoria Woodards (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Present: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan and Walker

Approval of Minutes

1. [14-1314](#) Approval of the minutes of November 17, 2014
2. [14-1315](#) Approval of the minutes of December 1, 2014
3. [14-1316](#) Approval of the minutes of December 15, 2014

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, December 1, and December 15, 2014 meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan and Walker

Briefing Items

4. [14-1317](#) 2014 End of the Year Committee Report
[Christina Watts, City Manager's Office]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, reviewed the 2014 Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Year End Report, including topics covered and potential topics for 2015. She noted some tables in the

report still need to be filled in. Discussion ensued regarding the report. Chair Walker stated the reports are a good reminder of the Committee's work and follow-up items; she then requested staff fix typos and complete the tables in the report.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [14-1318](#) January 19, 2015 - CANCELED

Chair Walker stated there is only one other meeting until March as the January 19 and February 16, 2015 meetings are cancelled. She then stated the February 2, 2015 meeting topics include the multifamily property tax exemption code, the Family Growth Center, and the Neighborhood Council review; and the March 2, 2015 meeting topics include the solid waste impact of rental housing.

Ms. Watts stated the Committee will need to conduct interviews to fill vacancies on the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board in October or November of 2015. City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated he received feedback from Council Committees regarding the amount of time spent on interviewing candidates to fill vacancies on Committees, Boards, and Commissions. Discussion ensued regarding the interview process.

Chair Walker reviewed potential topics for 2015 identified by the Committee as listed on the Council Committee Report, including a state of the neighborhoods update and the West Mall mixed-use center. Discussion ensued regarding the West Mall mixed-use center, and whether topics have been assigned to a different Council Committee.

Chair Walker continued to review potential topics for 2015, including a comprehensive review of progress in the Hilltop neighborhood, and the Community Mediation Program. Discussion ensued regarding the Community Mediation Program, and Chair Walker stated she will check in with Maralise Hood Quan from the program. Discussion continued regarding potential topics for 2015, including neighborhood parking issues, and the solid waste impact of rental housing. Council Member Lonergan requested staff confirm whether the neighborhood parking topic will come back to this Committee.

Council Member Boe requested 2015 topics include a potential neighborhood beautification recognition program; discussion ensued regarding the potential program. Council Member Ibsen stated he will be bringing forward an item to the Committee relating to foreclosures.

Chair Walker requested staff ensure reports given at the Committee are not presented at the study session the following day. She then reviewed additional topics for 2015 as identified in the 2014 Year-End report, including housing and foreclosure trends, the Minimum Buildings and Structures Code, garage sale policies and procedures, and boundary adjustments for Neighborhood Councils. Chair Walker stated she is meeting with Craig Nolte from the Public Reserve Bank to convene a meeting with banks and investors regarding opportunities in Tacoma and the Community Reinvestment Act requirements.

Chair Walker continued to review potential topics for 2015, including the West Slope Neighborhood Conservation District restrictive covenant, the Mental Health Business Outreach Positive Interactions Program, mixed-use centers, and affordable housing. Council Member Boe requested 2015 topics include a discussion related to the realities of the housing market in Tacoma specifically related to each Council district. Chair Walker stated the election of officers for this Committee will occur at the February 2, 2015 meeting.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard from Kathy Cooley, Family Growth Center, and Clay Zhang, Gladstone Properties. Council Member Walker requested staff meet with Ms. Cooley and Mr. Zhang regarding their licensing concerns. Additional public comment was heard from Jim Atkins, Family Growth Center. Discussion ensued regarding licensing concerns related to the Family Growth Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Lauren Walker, Chair

Linnea Meredith, City Clerk's Office