



Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 22, 2024

Time: 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Location

City Hall – Birch Conference Room, Fl 2

415 W 6th Street

Vancouver, WA

Special Meeting (Convened in-person and via video conference)

The meeting agenda materials referenced in these minutes can be found [online](#). Link to Microsoft Teams meeting video: [24 11 22 LTAC Meeting Video](#).

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee was called to order at 2:03 pm by Kim Harless, Committee Chair.

Board Members Present: Kim Harless, Janet Kenefsky, Carla Rise, Temple Lentz, Terry Goldman, Ryan Hart, Christie Rust, Steve Bowers (all joined virtually)

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Kenney

Staff Present: Chris Harder, Kimberly Kerlee, Jonathan Young

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bowers, seconded by Rise, and carried unanimously to approve the November 6, 2024, minutes.

Item 3: Finalize Award Recommendations

Chris Harder, Deputy Director, reviewed the Lodging Tax Grant funds recommended by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Harder mentioned that committee member Rust suggested that the committee reconsider the original award recommendation for the Lions Club due to receiving a \$500 sponsorship from Visit Vancouver and re-distribute those funds to another application. The committee agreed with the suggestion.

Motion by Rust, seconded by Goldman to reduce the Lions Club Lodging Tax Grant Recommendation by \$500 and re-distribute to another event.

Discussion occurred around the re-distribution of the \$500.

Motion by Bowers, seconded by Goldman to amend the original motion to reduce the Lions Club recommendation by \$500 and re-distribute the \$500 to the Waterfront Gateway Plaza Design. Yay: Rust, Kenefsky, Hart, Rise, Lentz, Harless, Goldman, Bowers. Motion approved as amended.

Members

Kim Harless
Chair

Steve Bowers
Temple Lentz
Janet Kenefsky
Jennifer Kenney
Christie Rust
Terry Goldman
Ryan Hart
Carla Rise

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Item 4: Other Business

Jonathan Young reminded the board that the LTAC is subject to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and has an obligation as an advisory board to City Council to ensure the committee is following the OPMA guidelines when discussing LTAC matters.

Final award recommendations are on the consent agenda for City Council on December 9, 2024.

Motion by Goldman, seconded by Hart and carried unanimously to excuse the absence of Jennifer Kenney.

Item 5: Public Comment

None

Item 6: Executive Session (as needed)

None

Item 7: Adjourn

2:16 p.m.

Signed by:

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Kim Harless, Board President

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