

**Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
Special Meeting
February 6, 2018 – 9:00 AM
Council Chambers
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 am by Mayor Nancy Backus.

In attendance: Mayor Nancy Backus, Bob Fraser, Satpal Sohal, Christian Faltenberger

Excused Absence: Susan Roberts

Unexcused Absence: Aman Ghag, Andy Cho

Staff present: Doug Lein, Economic Development Manager; Lorraine Chachere, Tourism Coordinator

II. APPROVE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Committee Member Fraser motioned to approve the December meeting minutes.

Committee Member Faltenburger seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY 4 – 0.

III. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Committee Member Faltenburger was nominated for the role of Vice Chair.

Committee Member Fraser made a motion to appoint Committee Member Faltenburger for the role of Vice Chair. Committee Member Sohal seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY 4 – 0.

IV. REVIEW 2018 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Upon review of the requested addendums received from all four applicants, the following LTAC recommendations would be adopted into a resolution for Council's review.

Committee Member Fraser made a motion to request a budget amendment of \$6,200 to grant the total recommended amount of \$16,500 for \$7,500 to Tough Mudder, \$3,500 for Petpalooza; \$3,500 for Veterans Day Parade; and \$2,000 for Seattle Parrot Expo. Vice Chair Faltenburger seconded the motion.

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V. HIGHWAY SIGNAGE

Based on interest expressed at the previous LTAC meeting as well as at the Auburn Tourism Board, BIA Rate Payer Board about improving and expanding signage to



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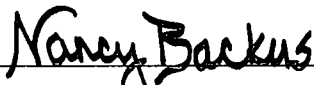
generate awareness what services are available and to entice motorists to make a stop in Auburn, Coordinator Chachere researched the cost, requirements of highway signage and created a summary. As for possible opportunities, the Northwest Regional Representative for WADOT indicated said research would not be initiated unless applications from interested businesses are submitted. The LTAC suggested that someone coordinate those efforts to which Coordinator Chachere committed to doing so.

VI. NEXT MEETING

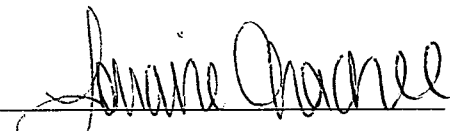
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 11th at 10AM in the Council Chambers.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business,



MAYOR NANCY BACKUS, CHAIR



LORRAINE CHACHERE, TOURISM COORDINATOR