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## Hotel Motel Tax Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

## 6/8/2022 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Peter Kwon, Chair; Mollie Mad; Rich Scherzinger; Byron Pihuave;

Jeffrey Bauknecht; Amanda Leone

**Members Absent:** Yvonne Gooden

**Staff Present:** Aleksandr Yeremeyev, *Economic Development Manager*; Tanja Carter,

Economic Development Strategist; Barb Mailo, Admin 3; Gillian Sayer, Admin 2; Evan Maxim, Director, Community & Economic Development

Others Present: Mark Everton, President/CEO Seattle Southside RTA; Blue Montgomery,

SeaTac BMX; Sarah Moore, Highline Botanical Gardens; Anthony Spain, Northwest Symphony; Cathy Boysen Hieberg, Boysen and Boysen, L.L.C.;

James Boysen

**Commence:** 3:04 PM **Adjourn:** 4:47 PM

1. Call to Order	Chair Kwon called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM
2. Approval of the 05/11/22 Minutes	Unanimous approval of minutes.
WA Department of     Revenue Statistics	Tanja shared the 2019 – 2022 Tax Distribution Report
SeaTac Lodging Tax     Funding Application     Discussion	<ul> <li>Applicants Presented (in order):</li> <li>SSRTA Shuttle Program – Mark Everton</li> <li>SeaTac BMX Program – Blue Montgomery</li> <li>Highline Botanical Gardens Program – Sarah Moore</li> <li>Museum of Flight Program – Jeff Bauknecht</li> <li>NW Symphony Program – Anthony Spain</li> <li>City of SeaTac Tourism Program – Tanja Carter</li> <li>Discussion:</li> <li>Committee Members were provided with the presentations and voting cards prior to the meeting. Each presenter was given the opportunity to speak.</li> <li>Several committee members encouraged the applicants to also</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>seek funding from other local sources.</li> <li>Several committee members mentioned the need for applicants to provide links to other lodging and tourism opportunities on the south side.</li> <li>There was extensive discussion about the amount of funding asked for by SeaTac BMX and would it generate the amount of revenue for the City that is anticipated. A suggestion was made to base the second year's funding on the success of the first year and to have them come back and present in 6 months and again in 12 months to report on their progress.</li> <li>Aleksandr reminded the committee that changes to funding can be made by proposing a budget amendment by the Council. This can be done to increase and decrease funding.</li> <li>Motion:</li> <li>A motion was made and seconded to accept and recommend full Council approval of the lodging tax funding requests for all the programs, with a caveat that SeaTac BMX present again in 6 months and 12 months on their progress. Motion passed with one nay vote. (The nay vote was against the caveat placed on SeaTac BMX, not the funding of the programs).</li> </ul>
5. Introductions	Tanja introduced Cathy Boysen Heiberg to the committee members.
6. Adjourn	Chair Kwon adjourned the meeting at 4:47 PM

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