



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

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September 08, 2022

4:30 PM

Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker, Kiara Daniels,
Sarah Rumbaugh, John Hines (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived at 4:54 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Ushka and Council Member Daniels participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0973](#) Interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing two applicants for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, and that John Halliday withdrew due to moving out of the area. She further stated there were two member positions open, as well as a youth position that will remain vacant as no applicants qualified.

The Committee interviewed Aimee Sidhu and Tony Caldwell.

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived here, at 4:54 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to recommend the reappointment of Aimee Sidhu to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to fill a term to expire August 31, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to recommend the reappointment of Tony Caldwell to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to fill a term to expire August 31, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

2. [22-0974](#)

2023-2024 Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Funding Process Recommendations

[Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager; Caleb Carbone, Homeless Strategy Systems and Services Manager; Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director, Neighborhood and Community Services; Naomi Wilson, Chair, Human Services Commission]

At approximately 4:58 p.m., Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), provided opening remarks and introduced Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager, NCS; Caleb Carbone, Homeless Strategy Systems and Services Manager, NCS; and Naomi Wilson, Chair, Human Services Commission (HSC). McKenzie presented the 2023-2024 Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (MHSUD) funding process, including an overview; background, noting programs not required to compete, the current funding process, the number and composition of applications received, and how the funding and applications were divided by service type; funding recommendations, noting complementary services, homelessness, housing, youth development, youth and young adult violence reduction, health and health care, and programs not recommended for funding by the HSC; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the recommendation process, possible loss of services due to lower funds, funding sources, ensuring equity in services offered by funding recipients, taking the history of organizations into

account, and next steps.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [22-0975](#) September 22, 2022 - Affordable Housing Action Strategy Anti-Displacement Preview
October 13, 2022 - To Be Determined

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on September 22, 2022, and will include an update on the Affordable Housing Action Strategy anti-displacement preview.

Discussion ensued regarding possible topics to bring to the Committee and the Committee calendar.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Jayme Longoria, regarding the funding process.
2. Sally Perkins, regarding homelessness.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



for

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office