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SUBJECT: Neighborhood Council Program Standards and Guidelines and Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) 1.45 Review
DATE: April 11, 2024

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) staff, in partnership with the Community Council of Tacoma Chair, will present an informational briefing regarding the plan and timeline for the 2024 review and updates to the Neighborhood Council Program’s [Standards and Guidelines](#) and [TMC 1.45](#).

BACKGROUND:
The [Neighborhood Council Program](#) was established by [Ordinance 25188](#) in 1992. Since that time, the Neighborhood Councils have developed a sense of pride, responsibility, and grassroots leadership for the advancement of neighborhood issues throughout Tacoma. The Neighborhood Council Program aims to create an environment in which community members are afforded an opportunity to: meaningfully discuss City programs and policies that affect their neighborhoods, bring neighborhood concerns, priorities, and goals to the attention of the City, and encourage diverse relationships and representative participation where residents feel included and empowered to contribute to improving the livability of their communities.

In January 2019, the Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) department assumed administration of the Neighborhood Council Program and, in partnership with the Neighborhood Councils, developed recommended changes and brought several code amendments forward for Council consideration in December 2019.

ISSUE:
The Neighborhood Council Program Standards and Guidelines, and TMC 1.45 were last reviewed and updated in 2019; these documents are due for internal review every 5 years. The previous Standards and Guidelines and TMC 1.45 updates were completed prior to the pandemic, and some priorities and goals were not met due to the uncertainty of COVID-19. We will be reviewing and editing these documents to ensure they are in alignment with current City Council priorities and NCS department goals.

ALTERNATIVES:
This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:
This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.