



# City of Tacoma

## Community Vitality and Safety

### Committee Minutes

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

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 823 7010 6303

Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/82370106303](http://www.zoom.us/j/82370106303) Passcode: 614650

**August 25, 2022**

**4:30 PM**

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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:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Chair Ushka and Council Members Daniels and Rumbaugh participated virtually.

#### Approval of Minutes

1. [22-0943](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2022, meeting.
2. [22-0944](#) Approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2022, meeting.
3. [22-0945](#) Approval of the minutes of the May 26, 2022, meeting.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, May 12, and May 26, 2022, meetings.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

## Briefing Items

4. [22-0931](#) Youth and Young Adult Violence Assessment Update  
[Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), provided opening remarks and presented the youth and young adult violence assessment update, including project background and goals of the assessment. Ingrid Friberg, Epidemiologist, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD), presented key findings, quantitative data, and quantitative findings. Arianne Sandel, Program Analyst, TPCHD, outlined the qualitative process, and themes identified by community members and representatives of community organizations related to higher and lower risk of violence. Friberg and McLaurin concluded by reviewing the recommendations and the next step to release a request for proposal to address the gaps identified in the assessment.

Discussion ensued regarding next steps, data collection and gaps in analysis, non-profits doing work around sexual violence, the partnership with Tacoma Public Schools, how the program has developed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and work being done by other agencies.

5. [22-0932](#) Language Justice Resolution and Language Access Plan  
[Maria Teresa Gamez, Language Access Coordinator,  
Media and Communications Office]

At approximately 5:06 p.m., Maria Teresa Gamez, Language Access Coordinator, Media and Communications Office, introduced Renee Meschi, Equity Action Collective Project Manager, TPCHD. Together, they presented the language justice shared resolution and Language Access Plan, including an overview, noting proposal and purpose; background; issues; the health, equity, and sustainability analysis; outreach and next steps; and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding next steps and working with other agencies.

**MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to forward the language justice resolution and Language Access Plan to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka**

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

6. [22-0933](#) September 8, 2022 - Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Interviews; Neighborhood and Community Services 2023-2024 Contract Recommendations for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Funding  
September 22, 2022 - Anti-Displacement Strategy

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on September 8, 2022, and will include Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities interviews and an update on the NCS contract recommendations for mental health substance use disorder funding. He concluded by stating that the September 22, 2022, meeting will include an update on the anti-displacement strategy.

## **Other Items of Interest**

Council Member Rumbaugh stated she attended the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA) meeting where they discussed document language.

Chair Ushka stated she and Council Member Walker met with the subcommittee of CIRA for the Northwest Immigrant and Customs Enforcement Processing Center.

## **Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



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Catherine Ushka, Chair



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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office