



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

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October 28, 2021

4:30 PM

Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker,
Chris Beale, John Hines, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [21-1052](#) Approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2021 meeting.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

Briefing Items

2. [21-1048](#) Tacoma Public Library Hilltop and Eastside Feasibility Study
[Kate Larsen, Director, Tacoma Public Library; BERK Consulting]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Kate Larsen, Director, Tacoma Public Library (TPL), gave opening remarks and introduced Brian Murphy, Project Manager, BERK Consulting. Mr. Murphy introduced Vivien Savath, Engagement Lead, and Jonathan Morales, Engagement and Project Support, BERK Consulting, and presented on the TPL Hilltop and Eastside Feasibility Study, including introductions, team member roles, project purpose and process, the three phases of work, engaging the community, and community engagement methods and tools.

The Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m.

The Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Morales continued by reviewing phase one of the study related to establishing context and vision, noting civic, main library and system operations, and community and neighborhood contexts; phase two related to test options, noting potential scenarios, and national best practices in library services; phase three related to evaluating, iterating, and reporting, noting evaluating scenarios, and funding strategies.

Discussion ensued regarding community excitement, reconfiguring the library structure to better serve more parts of the City, how other library districts are adapting their service model in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, asking the community how the library can be a repository of history, how outreach will be done, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on outreach, land reviews and building studies, national best practices, and how the community can get involved.

3. [21-1047](#) 2021-22 Housing & Urban Development Annual Action Plan Amendment
[Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 5:30 p.m., Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), presented the proposed 2021-2022 Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan (AAP) amendment, including an overview; background information, noting the original 2021-2022 AAP, why the amendment is needed, recommended allocation of funds, and previous NCS staff recommendations and

presentations; Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant funding recommendations; and next steps.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to forward the 2021-2022 Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan amendment and funding recommendations to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

4. [21-1046](#) Homeless Program Update
[Linda Stewart, Director; Tiegan Tidball, Systems Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 5:39 p.m., Linda Stewart, Director, and Tiegan Tidball, Systems Analyst, NCS, presented a homeless program update, including an overview; shelter status; current capacity; efforts to increase shelter capacity; the homeless strategy, noting that draft development is progressing, a timeline, vision and mission statements, values, and goals; and next steps

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for staff, the Comfort Inn, the data-based approach, a meeting with Governor Jay Inslee regarding the Tacoma emergency micro-shelter Site III located at 6th Avenue and Orchard Street, informing the community, how many beds are available that are not City funded, the Crisis Residential Center, whether there is a known level of funding that could solve homelessness in the City, and multi-family housing providers and property managers learning how to work with tenants to keep them housed.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [21-1051](#) November 4, 2021 - Interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee
November 18, 2021 - Review of options for ordinances related to camping on public property; Transformation Update

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on November 4, 2021, and will include interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee. He further stated that the November 18, 2021, meeting will include a review of options for ordinances related to camping on public property, and a transformation update.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office