



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 859 6160 4917
Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/85961604917 Passcode: 614650

September 28, 2023

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 - Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Blocker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0948](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2023, meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 3 - Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Briefing Items

2. [23-0941](#) Crystal Judson Family Justice Center Update
[Craig Roberts, Director, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Craig Roberts, Director, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, provided opening remarks and presented an update on the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center (CJFJC), including a mission; vision; background; statistics; outcomes; and a review of excitements of the past few years, noting future outlook discussed with finding a larger space for the company and expansion in the budget funding.

Discussion ensued regarding strangulation in the numbers collected for data more than a phone program; volunteering; how deescalating the abuse starting can lead to strangulation among other abuse and how does the CJFJC assist; and further education needed for victims to get help before abuse starts.

3. [23-0942](#) Using Health Metrics to Achieve Health Equity and Environmental Justice
[Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy]

At approximately 5:06 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, introduced Naomi Wilson, Community Assessment Director, Tacoma- Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD); and Kristin Lynett, Manager, Environmental Services. Together they provided opening remarks and presented on achieving health equity and environmental justice, including an agenda, health equity, environmental justice, Equity Index including maps and tables presenting data over time, Pierce County index map, equity in action, Climate Action Plan, air quality risks and monitoring, 2022 data summary, Washington Climate Commitment Act, focus on air quality, the TPCHD health equity assessment, community health needs assessment, and conclusions.

Discussion ensued regarding eliminating diesel fuel outcomes, air quality, zoning maps, population struggles, state climate program, low carbon fuel standard and the Climate Commitment Act, grant programs, staff level input, investments, environmentally friendly commuting incentives for driving electric cars if you work for the City, negative impacts related to mental and behavioral health.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [23-0943](#) October 12, 2023 - Amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.17
False Reports of Crime; Rental Housing Code Research;
Rental Property Data Project
October 26, 2023 - Rental Housing Code Research
November 9, 2023 - Community's Police Advisory Committee Interviews

D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting is on October 26, 2023, and will include presentations on amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.17 related to False Reports of Crime; on the November 9, 2023, meeting will include interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee and a rental property data presentation; and the November 23, 2023, meeting is cancelled in observance of Thanksgiving.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Catherine Ushka, Chair

Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office