



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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April 13, 2023
4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Vice Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Council Members Daniels and Rumbaugh participated virtually.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Oneida Arnold, speaking on the Opioid Settlement.

Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0357](#) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2022.

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Briefing Items

2. [23-0353](#) Human Rights Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they would be interviewing five applicants for the Human Rights Commission (HRC), including C. Ivan Johnson and Verda Washington, who are seeking reappointment. She concluded by stating that there are six member positions available, and that one position will remain vacant due to the lack of applicants.

The Committee interviewed Verda Washington, C. Ivan Johnson, Bri Crofton, and Lillian Norris.

Stephon Graves was unable to attend the interviews, and Kathryn “Kate” Gray withdrew from consideration.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the selection process, outreach, the new process for the interview format, the applicants' qualifications, if the HRC plans to meet in person in the future, and the number of positions available.

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the reappointment of Verda Washington to the Human Rights Commission to serve a three-year term, to expire February 28, 2026.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Ushka

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the reappointment of C. Ivan Johnson to the Human Rights Commission to serve a three-year term, to expire February 28, 2026.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Ushka

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the appointment of Bri Crofton to the Human Rights Commission to serve a three-year term, to expire February 28, 2026.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Ushka

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the appointment of Lillian Norris to the Human Rights Commission to serve a three-year term, to expire February 28, 2026.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Ushka

3. [23-0355](#)

Opioid Settlement Update

[Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy]

At approximately 5:32 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, presented on the Opioid Settlement, including an agenda; background, noting funding from settlements, Tacoma's settlement structure, and allowable uses; the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC); spending options for jurisdictions; the regional partnership and pooling option; and next steps, noting the formation of the OAC,

and the development of the regional agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding the 10 percent administrative cost, who is controlling the funding, and how the funding will be distributed.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [23-0356](#) April 27, 2023 - Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews;
Chronic Nuisance Law Update
May 11, 2023 - Human Services Commission Interviews
May 25, 2023 - Minimum Building and Structures Code Review; Rental
Housing Code Update

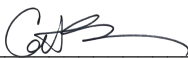
Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on April 27, 2023, and will include interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; the May 11, 2023, meeting will include interviews for the Human Services Commission, and a presentation on the community safety plan; and the May 25, 2023, meeting will include presentations on the Minimum Building and Structures Code, and the Rental Housing Code. Franco concluded by announcing that D'Angelo Baker will be the new Committee Liaison, and that the City Clerk's Office staff would also be changing.

Other Items of Interest


There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office