



City of Tacoma

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Virtual and In-Person Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Commissioner Naomi Wilson, Commissioner Marvin Cooks, Commissioner Andee Walton, Laura Badeaux, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez, Connie Ladenburg, Nikki Singh, and Kristi Coyne, Kimberly Ellefson and Balynda Warden

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:03

- Meeting chaired by Commissioner Wilson.
- Roll call prolonged by technical difficulties.

2. Election of Officers at 6:14

- Commissioner Wilson nominates Commissioner Walton as Secretary. Commissioner Cagatin-Porter seconds. All in favor. Commissioner Walton to serve another year as Secretary.
- Commissioner Wilson nominates Commissioner Cooks as Vice Chair. Commissioner Ellefson seconds. All in favor. Commissioner Cooks to serve another year as Vice Chair.
- Commissioner Walton nominates Commissioner Wilson as Chair. Commissioner Ladenburg seconds. All in favor. Commissioner Wilson to serve another year as Chair.

3. Approval of June minutes at 6:23

- Motioned by Commissioner Ladenburg to approve minutes and Commissioner Cagatin-Porter seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Review/Approval of May minutes at 6:24

- Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve minutes and Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. Public Comment at 6:25

- No written public comments received.

6. Neighborhood Councils at 6:25

- Presented by Chair of Community Council of Tacoma (CCOT), Andrea Haug.
 - i. Overview of how the council functions as umbrella for each of the eight neighborhood councils, how they connect member community to services and information, and if CCOT has a relationship with Safe Streets.
 - ii. Commissioner Ladenburg asks about any limitations the council may face, and the council's budget.
 - iii. Commissioner Wilson asks about City's presence at meetings, and if there are common themes to issues across neighborhood councils and how they are addressed.



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- iv. Commissioner Ellefson asks how neighborhood councils address problems within each neighborhood, and what relationships CCOT has with the unhoused and homeless communities.

7. Welcome New Commissioner at 6:55

- Introductions made by Commissioner Ellefson to other HSC members.
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8. Review/Excuse Absences at 7:10

- None – all members present.

9. Good of the Order at 7:10

- On August 24th, Commissioner Wilson, as the Community Assessment Director for the Health Department, in tandem with the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, will be presenting on health equity and how it intersects with The City's Community Planning and Strategic Committee.

10. Closing Comments/Adjourn at 7:14

- Meeting adjourned at 7:14