



# 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](http://www.zoom.us/j/85961604917) Passcode: 614650  
**January 25, 2024**  
**4:30 PM**

---

Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Sarah Rumbaugh, Jamika Scott,  
Kristina Walker, John Hines (alternate)

#### Call To Order

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

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Ushka, Rumbaugh, Walker and Scott

Vice Chair Rumbaugh and Council Member Scott participated virtually.

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### Briefing Items

1. [24-0087](#) Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board Interviews  
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Nicole Emery, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing two applicants for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) Board; five individuals are seeking reappointment, noting staff have requested the committee consider their reappointments based off their prior experience and updated applications; eight positions are available; and the City Clerk's Office did not receive any qualified applicants for the second Attorney position or the CPA position.

The Committee interviewed Joseph Jagod and Jermaine Ogden.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the applicants' qualifications.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Ian Northrip to the “Attorney Rep.” position on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to continue to serve the remainder of his term, to expire February 28, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Ushka, Rumbaugh, Walker and Scott**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Andrew Kwon to the “CPA Rep.” position on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, effective March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Ushka, Rumbaugh, Walker and Scott**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Terri Scott to the “Lender Rep.” position on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, effective March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Ushka, Rumbaugh, Walker and Scott**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Ryan Dutli to the “Lender Rep.” position on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, effective March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Ushka, Rumbaugh, Walker and Scott**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Lacey Barker to the “Realtor Rep.” designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, effective March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Ushka, Rumbaugh, Walker and Scott**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the appointment of Jermaine Ogden to the “Realtor Rep.” designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, effective March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Ushka, Rumbaugh, Walker and Scott**

2. [24-0088](#) 2022-2023 Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Annual Report and 2024 Recommendations  
[Raeshawna Ware, Equity Programs Consultant, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

At approximately 5:03 p.m., Raeshawna Ware, Equity Programs Consultant, Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR), provided opening remarks and introduced Natalie Ghayoumi, Vice Chair, Maurice Lekea, Commissioner, Lydia Zepeda, Chair, Maricres Castro, First Vice Chair, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA); and Lisa Woods, Director, OEHR. Together, they presented the 2022-2023 CIRA annual report and the 2024 recommendations, including an overview; background; highlights; community relations; areas of focus, noting the Commission voted to amend its bylaws and submit them to staff for review, and a request for Tacoma Police Department (TPD) to provide trainings and strategies to CIRA; and advocating for reducing barriers that refugees and immigrants face, a proposal on bringing trauma informed policing, and improvement request for blue incident cards that TPD hands out to be available in multiple languages. They concluded by outlining becoming a Certified Welcoming City; welcoming standard; recommendations; questions; and gratitude.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for welcoming week, challenges with funding boards and commissions, certifications and costs, access, services provided, budgeting, membership growth outcomes, welcoming plans based off certification training hour requirements, coordinating meetings, diversity, involvement, statistics on immigration status, resources, recruitment guidelines, language access for the community members for accessing the TPD, legislative process, recommendations to bring to TPD, and the process to go to City Council.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [24-0089](#) February 8, 2024 - Human Rights Commission Report; Tacoma Housing Authority Report;  
Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board Report  
February 22, 2024 - Human Rights Commission Interviews;  
Human Services Commission Report; Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Report;  
Community's Police Advisory Committee Report  
March 14, 2024 - Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews;  
2024 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development

D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting is on February 8, 2024, and will include reports from the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority; the meeting on February 22, 2024, will include HRC interviews, and reports from the Human Services Commission, the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, and the Community's Police Advisory Committee; and the March 14, 2024, meeting will include CIRA interviews and the 2024 Annual Action Plan for housing and community development.

### **Other Items of Interest**

The Committee requested guidelines on how they can attend the committees, boards, and commissions that report to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee together.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

---

Catherine Ushka, Chair

---

Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office