



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
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July 14, 2022
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 4:40 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Vice Chair Blocker and Council Member Daniels participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [22-0787](#) Approval of the minutes of the March 24, 2022, meeting.
2. [22-0788](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2022, meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2022, and April 14, 2022, meetings.

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

Briefing Items

3. [22-0785](#) Feasibility Study for the Restoration of Library Services in the Eastside and Hilltop Neighborhoods
[Kate Larsen, Director, Tacoma Public Library]

At approximately 4:41 p.m., Kate Larsen, Director, Tacoma Public Library (TPL), provided opening remarks and introduced Brian Murphy, Principal, BERK Consulting. Murphy presented the feasibility study for the restoration of library services in the Eastside and Hilltop neighborhoods, including purpose and context. Vivien Savath, Associate Principal, BERK Consulting, outlined the four criteria of the evaluative framework, noting City values and community benefits, impact on library services, location and accessibility, and financial feasibility; evaluation of alternative service models; evaluation of co-location opportunities; and the Eastside neighborhood location, noting context and community vision, community feedback on funding options, and recommendations. Murphy reviewed the Hilltop neighborhood location and the consideration of the main TPL branch, noting community vision; community feedback on funding options; recommendations; and costs, revenues, and phasing.

Discussion ensued regarding library usage, locations, the recommendations, access to libraries, community engagement, the purpose of the feasibility study, co-locations, funding, services offered by libraries, college libraries that are open to the public, the partnership with the City, and next steps.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [22-0784](#) July 18, 2022 - Tenant Protections Update
August 11, 2022 - Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Interviews
August 25, 2022 - Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction Update

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on July 18, 2022, and will include an update on tenant protections; that the August 11, 2022, meeting will include interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities; and that the August 25, 2022, meeting will include an update on youth and young adult violence reduction.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Daniels stated she would like to explore the City's role in mental health, including options and gaps in services.

Discussion ensued regarding homelessness and mental health, homeless

individuals who cannot be in certain encampments due to mental health issues, funding sources and uses, the Neighborhood and Community Services presentation on homelessness coming to the Committee, and suggestions of inviting outside agencies to present to the Committee.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Paul Jackson, speaking on resources for homeless individuals.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office