



# City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

April 27, 2017

4:30 PM

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Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,  
Joe Lonergan, Lauren Walker Lee, Ryan Mello (alternate)

## Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

**Present:** 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

## Approval of Minutes

1. [17-0436](#) Approval of the minutes of April 13, 2017

**MOTION:** Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2017.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Walker Lee.

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

## Briefing Items

2. [17-0420](#) Human Services Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:39 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, stated there are six interviews tonight and two candidates for reappointment who submitted written responses in lieu of attending. She stated six positions are available on the Human Services Commission, consisting of four three-year terms, and two unexpired terms.

The Committee then interviewed the following individuals: Branden Durst, Kashmir Govronski, Elizabeth Pebley, Janet Thiessen, Brian Todhunter, and Naomi Wilson. Additionally, the Committee considered written responses from Zachary Dillon and Kelly McDonald, both seeking reappointment.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the candidates.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to convene to Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of candidates, not to exceed five minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

The Committee convened to Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

The Executive Session was extended by five minutes at 5:50 p.m.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to reconvene the Community Vitality and Safety Committee.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

The meeting reconvened at 5:55 p.m.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to recommend the reappointment of Zachary Dillon to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

**MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to recommend the reappointment of Kelly McDonald to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to recommend the appointment of Kashmir Govronski to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to recommend the appointment of Naomi Wilson to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee**

**MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Janet Thiessen to the Human Services Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2019.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker Lee.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to recommend the appointment of Elizabeth Pebley to the Human Services Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

3. [17-0419](#) 2017 Innovative Grant Projects Summary  
[Shari Hart, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 6:05 p.m., Shari Hart, Program Development Specialist, provided a brief history of the Innovative Grant Program and the types of allowable projects, then presented information on the funding and distribution of \$320,000 available for 2017-2018. Ms. Hart briefly provided information on applications received, then stated 24 projects are recommended for funding from 18 first time applicants, 11 with equity/diversity impact, for a total of \$109,818 in 2017 and \$178,182 remaining for allocation in 2018. She concluded by highlighting some of the requested projects from each Neighborhood Council, then discussed next steps and further continuous improvement efforts to review the program and align the grant process with Tacoma2025 and equity goals.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [17-0421](#) May 11, 2017 - To Be Determined

Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, stated the May 11, 2017 meeting is cancelled due to interviews for the City Manager position and the May 25, 2017 meeting will include proposed amendments to the Human Rights Code and a presentation on a closed captioning initiative from the Commission on Disabilities.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Adjournment**

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

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Keith Blocker, Chair

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk's Office