



# 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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**January 12, 2023**

**4:30 PM**

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

### Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Council Member Daniels participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [23-0032](#) Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Chair Ushka provided opening remarks on the election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

**MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to re-elect Council Member Ushka as Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for the year 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to re-elect Council Member Blocker as Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for the year 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

2. [23-0033](#) Consideration and Recommendation of an Applicant to the Community's Police Advisory Committee  
[Chair Ushka]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Chair Ushka explained that on November 10, 2022, the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee, conducted interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), and delayed making a recommendation for the "At-Large No. 1" position until rescheduling could occur for Coreale Forrest, who then later withdrew from consideration. Chair Ushka concluded by stating that Esther Evans had previously interviewed at the November 10, 2022, meeting, and had the qualifications for the position; and that the CVS Committee has the opportunity to either appoint Evans to CPAC or seek additional applicants to interview.

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Esther Evans to the "At-Large No. 1" position on the Community's Police Advisory Committee, to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2023, followed by a three-year term to expire December 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

3. [23-0030](#) 2023-2024 Neighborhood and Community Services Funding Process Recommendations  
[Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager; Vicky McLaurin, Assistant Director; Caleb Carbone, Homeless Strategy Systems and Services Coordinator, Neighborhood and Community Services Department; Naomi Wilson, Chair, Human Services Commission]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), introduced Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director; Caleb Carbone, Homeless Strategy Systems and Services Manager, NCS; and Naomi Wilson, Chair, Human Services Commission. McKenzie continued by presenting and update on funding recommendations from NCS's General Fund funding process, including an overview; and background, noting this process is primarily for General Fund funding, the last General Fund competitive funding process was in 2019, certain programs not required to compete for 2023-2024 funding, the application period, the amount of money available and requested by applicants, the role of the HSC to rate the applications and make funding recommendations, and that the funding and applications were divided into groups by types of service. He concluded by reviewing funding recommendations for community mobilization, complementary services, educational support services, financial empowerment, food insecurity, health and health care, homelessness, housing services, rapid graffiti removal, youth development, and youth and young adult violence reduction, noting agencies and programs that were and were not recommended for funding, the amount of funding available, the total requested amount, and the total allocation amount; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between the amount of funds requested versus funds available to allocate; programs that received less or no funding, noting programs that will not exist after this year, and the notification period; the definition of complimentary service, noting examples; the usage of graffiti removal funding in relation to the excise tax; funding for TeamChild; inclusion of other funding sources agencies and programs are receiving in future presentations; funding sources, noting the General Fund and mental health fund; and food insecurity, noting food bank recipients.

4. [23-0034](#) Discussion of Future Committee Topics  
[Chair Ushka]

At approximately 5:12 p.m., Chair Ushka stated that the next meeting will be held on January 26, 2023, and will include presentations on Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs' end-of-year report, and the chronic nuisance law and application; the February 9, 2023, meeting will include an update on closed captioning; and the February 23, 2023, meeting will include interviews

for the Human Rights Commission. Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the chronic nuisance law and application presentation has been moved to the February 9, 2023, meeting and a presentation on code compliance has also been added to the February 9, 2023, meeting; and the February 23, 2023, meeting will also include an update on the community trauma response team. Chair Ushka concluded by stating that Council Member Rumbaugh is interested in bringing a presentation on environmental justice to the CVS Committee.

### Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [23-0035](#) January 26, 2023 - Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs End of Year Report; Chronic Nuisance Law and Application  
February 9, 2023 - Closed Captioning Update  
February 23, 2023 - Interviews for the Human Rights Commission

This item was presented with Item No. 4.

### Other Items of Interest

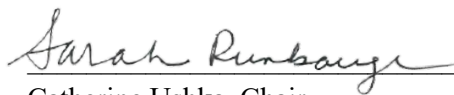
There were no other items of interest.

### Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

 for  
Catherine Ushka, Chair

 for  
Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office