



# City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

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**March 25, 2021**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker,  
Chris Beale, John Hines, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

## Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Briefing Items

1. [21-0297](#) Interviews for the Humans Rights Commission  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:38 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will be interviewing four applicants for the Human Rights Commission, including two applicants who provided written responses at the February 25, 2021, meeting and one applicant that was unable to attend that meeting; and there is one position available with an unexpired term that is set to expire February 28, 2022, with a possible extension to serve a three-year term to expire February 28, 2025.

The Committee interviewed Mason Culbertson, Alicia Mathurin, and Kim Washington Watson.

Ms. Sorum stated that David Hayes was unable to attend the interviews.

Discussion ensued regarding the current vacancy, demographics of the Commission, and applicants' qualifications.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Mason Culbertson to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2022, followed by a three-year term to expire February 28, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

2. [21-0298](#) 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development [Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 5:11 p.m., Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development, presented the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development, including background; funding priorities, noting housing, community development, economic development, and human services; the funding approval process; 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations; CDBG allocations related to housing and economic development and public services; 2021-2022 Emergency Solutions Grant allocations; issues; public participation; next steps; and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding administrative funds, the area median income limit program requirement, the public participation process, recommendations from the Human Services Commission, the continuation of contracts, notifying the community of the 30-day public comment period, having this presentation return to a study session, funding allocations, and funding related to economic development.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the proposed 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [21-0300](#) April 8, 2021 - Interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs  
April 22, 2021 - The Strategic Alliance to end Domestic Violence Update; Notice of Funding Availability

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on April 8, 2021, and will include interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; and the April 22, 2021, meeting will include presentations on the Strategic Alliance to End Family Violence Report and funding availability.

## 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 6:00 p.m.



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Catherine Ushka, Chair



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Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office