



City of Tacoma

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, August 10, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair, Naomi Wilson, Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Secretary Andee Walton, Valentine Smith, Wilton Waverly, Leslie Mintaraga, Laura Badeaux, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez, Balynda Warden, Connie Ladenburg, Kristi Coyne, Doris Brown

Members Absent: Nikki Singh

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:03

- Meeting chaired by Chair Wilson.
- Roll call.

2. Approval of the July agenda at 6:04

- Motioned by Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez to approve, seconded by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter. Approved unanimously.

3. Review/Approval of June minutes at 6:06

- Motion by Commissioner Coyne motioned to approve minutes and Secretary Walton seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment at 6:07

- No written comments to read and no attending public to comment.

5. Welcome New Board Members at 6:08

- Commissioner Singh not present for introduction.

6. Homelessness Strategy Update at 6:10

- Presented by Caleb Carbone, NCS, HSSS.
 - i. Chair Wilson asks for definitions of “Functional Zero” and “Targeted Universalism.”
 - ii. Chair Wilson requests example of barriers to reducing homelessness.
 1. Example given homeless veterans who prefer different shelter model.
 - iii. Commissioner Ladenburg requests copy of presentation be sent to HSC.
 - iv. Chair Wilson asks about site for homeless under construction at 38th St/Pacific.
 1. Site is being constructed at location due to already present homeless population, to whom the new housing site will be granted priority housing.



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- v. Commissioner Ladenburg inquiries about change in organization to man that site and security of that area of residents and neighbors.
- vi. Chair Wilson and Commissioner Smith ask for updates on specific encampments around the city.
 - 1. Homeless Engagement Alternative Liaison to be invited to next HSC meeting to provide answers.

7. Preparation for Consensus Meeting at 6:53

- Presented by Vicky McLaurin, Interim Asst. Director, and Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager, NCS.
 - i. Chair Wilson invited to participate in presentation to CVSC on September 8th.
 - ii. Discussion on Blue and Green group responsibilities.
 - iii. Commissioner Ladenburg asks for clarification on fund allocation and determinations by HSC.
 - iv. Commissioner Smith brings attention to some Commissioners being unable to attend rater meeting.
 - 1. Jason McKenzie will send out application scores in advance for Commissioners to submit notes to meeting in advance.
 - v. Commissioner Mintaraga asks if meeting will be in-person or Zoom.
 - 1. Meetings are not yet approved for in-person.

8. Review/Excuse Absences at 7:14

- None.

9. Good of the Order at 7:15

- Vice Chair Cooks provides update on discussion with TPD about crime and homelessness uptick around S Hosmer.
 - i. Main ideas are increased surveillance camera usage by local businesses.
- Chair Wilson expresses gratitude to HSC dedicating time to participate in allocations, citing increase in deaths due to Fentanyl overdose as an increasing need for adequate human services.

10. Closing Comments at 7:20

- Commissioner Leedenburg provides feedback on application review: notetaking recommendation by Chair Wilson was helpful in rating process.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:24.