



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

January 24, 2019

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,
Chris Beale, Robert Thoms, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Present: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Approval of Minutes

1. [19-0066](#) Approval of the Minutes of the January 10, 2019 Meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Briefing Items

2. [19-0067](#) Community Vitality and Safety Committee 2018 Year-End Report
[Will Suarez, Management Analyst, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., William Suarez, Management Analyst, Community and Economic Development, presented the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee 2018 year-end report, including an overview; purpose of the CVS Committee; topics covered by the CVS Committee; and a 2018 summary, noting issue areas, the number of presentations that were information briefings and requests for a resolution or ordinance, and the

number of Committees, Boards, and Commissions appointments. He concluded by reviewing accomplishments; appointment recommendations; and items recommended to the full City Council, including a new rental housing code, the gender neutral labeling of single-occupancy restrooms ordinance, a code update allowing the City to pursue receivership of private properties which are derelict or unfit, chronic nuisance code updates, and a resolution for Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solution Grant Funding recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding receiving follow-up information on the implementation of the receivership ordinance and the chronic nuisance code updates, receiving a copy of the 2018 Domestic Violence (DV) report, and if the DV report is an annual report. Discussion concluded on inviting the Director of the Tacoma Public Library (TPL) to the Committee to provide an update on the TPL.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [19-0068](#) February 14, 2019 - Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and Human Rights Commission Interviews

February 28, 2019 - Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews, and Hilltop Links to Opportunity Project

Mr. Suarez stated the meeting of February 14, 2019 will include Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and Human Rights Commission interviews, and the meeting of February 28, 2019 will include Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs interviews. He concluded by stating the Hilltop Links to Opportunity Project topic will be moved to a meeting in March.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Blocker stated he recently had a meeting with Pierce County Council Member Connie Ladenburg, and she expressed interest in conducting an interagency meeting with the CVS Committee to review how resources are being utilized for homelessness and other human services, and to find ways to collaborate and communicate with each other. He further stated Ms. Ladenburg invited the CVS Committee Members to participate on a webinar with the Pierce County Council Members.

Discussion ensued regarding inviting the Puyallup Tribe of Indians to participate in the interagency meeting and the idea of meeting with the

Puyallup Tribe of Indians separately this year.

Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, recognized the work of Mr. Suarez with the CVS Committee.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Rebecca Stith, Human Rights Commission, speaking on the CVS Committee year-end report.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Keith Blocker, Chair

Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office