



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

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June 09, 2022

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0658](#) Human Services Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they would be interviewing two applicants for the Human Services Commission who were unable to attend the May 12, 2022, interviews; that there is one member position available; and that there is one youth position that will remain vacant as no applicants qualified and the recruitment is ongoing.

The Committee interviewed Nikki Singh and Joseph Bradley.

Discussion ensued regarding candidate qualifications, the creation of a shortlist, and requirements for serving on committees, boards, and commissions and Commissioners.

MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to recommend the appointment of Nikki Singh to the Human Services Commission for a term to expire May 31, 2025.

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: Council Member Daniels moved to recommend Joseph Bradley to a shortlist for the Human Services Commission which will be effective until May 1, 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

2. [22-0659](#)

Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness
[Heather Moss, Director, Pierce County Human Services;
John Barbee, Community Services Division Manager]

At approximately 5:00 p.m., Heather Moss, Director of Human Services, Pierce County, introduced John Barbee, Community Services Division Manager, Pierce County. Together they presented the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness, including the process, community success, where people are when they become homeless, six goals of the plan, the functional zero concept to meet the needs of all homeless people, a comparison of current services and recommendations to meet the functional zero target, annual costs, recurring funding needs, rough estimates of capital funding, cost offsets, proposed initial funding, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding collective action between the City and Pierce County, the numbers of homeless individuals, how services should be distributed, how the City Council and Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) staff can help with the work, services available outside the Tacoma city limits, this being a regional issue, the City shouldering the weight of this problem, work being done in neighboring cities, health care providers being on-site, ways to get neighboring cities to help or be held accountable, impacts of the City Council taking action to support the County's plan, funding, how Tacoma can get financial support from the County for data collection and other functional zero recommendations with available resources, and the work that NCS is doing with Pierce County Human Services.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [22-0660](#) June 23, 2022 - Feasibility Study for Restoring Library Services to the Eastside and Hilltop Neighborhoods: Final Report
July 14, 2022 - Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction Update

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated that the June 23, 2022, meeting will be cancelled due to lack of a quorum, and that the July 14, 2022, meeting will include an update on youth and young adult violence reduction.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Rumbaugh stated that she had attended the Human Services Commission meeting on June 8, 2022, which included introductions of new members, and that she expressed to the Commission that they are welcome to bring topics forward to the City Council, and that Council Members support them, and noted that the Commission is experiencing some challenges with continuing to meet virtually.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Angie Porietis, speaking on homeless encampments causing disruption to homeowner's properties.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



Kiara Thomas, City Clerk's Office