



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

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May 13, 2021

4:30 PM

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 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Hines and Ushka

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [21-0470](#) Approval of the minutes of the February 11, 2021, meeting
2. [21-0471](#) Approval of the minutes of the February 25, 2021, meeting
3. [21-0472](#) Approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2021, meeting
4. [21-0473](#) Approval of the minutes of the March 25, 2021, meeting
5. [21-0474](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 8, 2021, meeting
6. [21-0475](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 22, 2021, meeting

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to approve the minutes of the February 11 and 25, 2021; March 11 and 25, 2021; and April 8 and 22, 2021, meetings.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Briefing Items

7. [21-0476](#) Interviews for the Human Services Commission
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will be interviewing seven applicants for the Human Services Commission; that there are currently five positions available: four member positions and one youth position; and that no applicants qualify for the youth position at this time.

The Committee interviewed Laura Alexandria Badeaux, Erin G. Bethel, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Marvin Cooks, Andrea "Andee" Walton, and Michele Worthy. Joshua Rockey withdrew from consideration.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the Commission's current membership, demographics, and duties; experience and qualifications of applicants; and available positions.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Noemi Cagatin-Porter to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2021, to expire May 31, 2024.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Laura Alexandria Badeaux to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2021, to expire May 31, 2024.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Andrea "Andee" Walton to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2021, to expire May 31, 2024.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Marvin Cooks to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2021, to expire May 31, 2024.

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

7. [21-0477](#) May 27, 2021 - Community Trauma Response Team Update
 June 10, 2021 - Engaging Students to Reduce Litter Pollution in Tacoma;
 Trash Removal, Purple Bags, and Vendor Updates;
 Graffiti Update

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on May 27, 2021, and will include an update on the Community Trauma Response Team. He further stated at the June 10, 2021, meeting, the Committee will receive presentations on engaging students to reduce litter pollution in Tacoma; trash removal, Purple Bags, and vendor updates; and graffiti.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for future Committee discussion on the affordable housing tax, per Ordinance No. 28747 and Washington State House Bill 1590.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Ushka requested a presentation regarding support and services for youth experiencing homelessness at an upcoming Committee meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office