



Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

May 22, 2014

Vice Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. and stated Chair Woodards is participating telephonically.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, and Woodards (participated telephonically).

Council Committee Members Absent: Mello (alternate – arrived at 4:45 p.m.), and Mayor Strickland.

Vice Chair Campbell stated the 2014 Seattle Civic Health Index topic will be presented after approval of the meeting minutes.

Approval of May 8, 2014 Minutes

Council Member Lonergan moved to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Chair Woodards. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

2014 Seattle Civic Health Index

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Diane Douglas, Seattle City Club, provided background information and reviewed the 2014 Seattle Civic Health Index, including the definition and importance of civic health, and where the greater Seattle area ranks on the index.

Council Member Mello arrived here, at 4:45 p.m.

Ms. Douglas reviewed civic health threats and ways to improve greater Seattle's civic health. Discussion ensued regarding how civic health is measured and whether the data is broken down by neighborhood, civic threats, and examples of healthy civic connection programs in the City. Ms. Douglas concluded by reviewing next steps.

Safe Streets 3-Year Strategic Plan

At approximately 5:06 p.m., Priscilla Lisicich, Safe Streets, provide background information and reviewed the Safe Streets 3-Year Strategic Plan, including 2013-2014 action strategy processes, community forums, and the program's, mission, vision, strategy, action and promise statements. She then reviewed action strategies, including increasing community and youth mobilization, establishing business partnerships, and promoting stewardship and sustainability. Wanda Rochelle, Safe Streets, reviewed the process for measuring successes and outcomes. Discussion ensued regarding neighborhood groups, including connecting with surrounding businesses. Ms. Lisicich concluded by reviewing next steps.

Human Rights Commission

At approximately 5:34 p.m., Fred Schuneman, Human Rights Commission (HRC), provided background information and reviewed recommended changes to the HRC's Administrative Rules and Regulations and Chapter 1.29 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, including the review and vetting processes. Mr. Schuneman noted most of the changes relate to consistent word usage and the delineation of calendar versus business days. Discussion ensued regarding the recommended changes related to notary requirements for filing complaints, the definition of sexual orientation, gender neutral language, and the vetting process. Council Member Lonergan requested staff use consistent capitalization.

Council Member Lonergan moved to forward the recommendations with noted changes to the full Council for adoption. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Genesis Gavino, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting has a full schedule, and topics for the June 26, 2014 meeting include recommended updates to the Human Services Strategic Plan, a report from the Human Services Commission, and an update from the Citizens Review Panel.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from citizen Korbett Mosesly regarding the impact of race and youth involved in the juvenile justice system on education. Mr. Mosesly requested this Committee and the City study the issue. Discussion ensued regarding the potential study, including how the results would be used, and the involvement of other jurisdictions. Assistant City Manager Tansy Hayward stated the Human Services Commission will follow-up with Mr. Mosesly. Vice Chair Campbell stated he will discuss the topic with Chair Woodards and requested Ms. Hayward begin looking for potential funding sources.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



-Marty Campbell, Vice Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office