



# City of Tacoma

## Community Vitality and Safety

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

March 22, 2018

4:30 PM

---

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,  
Chris Beale, Justin Camarata, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

#### Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**Present:** 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

#### Briefing Items

1. [18-0280](#) Program Year 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Recommendations for Annual Action Plan  
[Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development; Erica Azcueta, Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to forward the Program Year 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Funding recommendations for Annual Action Plan to the City Council study session.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

2. [18-0281](#) Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided information

regarding vacancies on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board. She stated Andrew Lyder did not arrive for the interview.

The Committee interviewed Ian Northrip.

3. [18-0282](#) Human Rights Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:40 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided information regarding vacancies on the Human Rights Commission.

The Committee interviewed Sarah Lee, Michealea Lemons, Melvin Nobles Jr., and Karol Shadowvine-Bogle.

[18-0281](#) Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Ian Northrip to the “Attorney” designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2019, followed by an extension to expire February 28, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

[18-0282](#) Human Rights Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Sara Lee to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired two-year term to expire February 29, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Melvin Nobles Jr. to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired three-year term to expire February 28, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Karol Shadowvine-Bogle to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired two-year term to expire February 29, 2020.**

**ACTION: The motion failed due to the lack of a Second.**

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Michealea Lemons to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired two-year term to expire February 29, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

Discussion ensued throughout regarding vacancies, residency rules, qualifications, and age diversity.

**4. [18-0283](#)**

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews - Part 2  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

The Committee interviewed Guadalupe Saavedra, Liz Dunbar, Saiyare Refaei, and Vanna Sing.

Discussion ensued regarding Vaelupemaua Anitema not being in attendance but provided written response; why Zawadi Chege could not attend; candidates' statements, experience, and qualifications; accommodation for translation services; district, gender, and age representation.

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of the following slate of individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs with the specific rolls to be determined in a future motion. The individuals are Vaelupemaua Anitema, Silong Chhun, George Conzuelo, Eunice Kalembo, Jefferson Mok, Hieu Nguyen, Diana Parra, Saiyare Refaei, Vanna Sing, Alma Vargas, and Clara Zamalloa, with Maria Ramos appointed as “Alternate”.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Saiyare Refaei to the “Youth or Young Adult” position on the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a one-year term to expire February 28, 2019.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of George Conzuelo to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a one-year term to expire February 28, 2019.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Vaelupemaua Anitema to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a one-year term to expire February 28, 2019.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Alma Vargas to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a two-year term to expire February 29, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Clara Zamalloa to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a two-year term to expire February 29, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Diana Parra to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a two-year term to expire February 29, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Vanna Sing to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a two-year term to expire February 29, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Silong Chhun to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a three-year term to expire February 28, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Eunice Kalembo to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a three-year term to expire February 28, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Jefferson Mok to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a three-year term to expire February 28, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Hieu Nguyen to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a three-year term to expire February 28, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka**

## **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

5.     [18-0284](#)     April 12, 2018 - Human Services Commission Annual Report and Domestic Violence Assessment

April 26, 2018 - 2018 Innovative Grant Application and Schedule and Human Rights Commission Annual Report

Will Suarez, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting on April 12, 2018, will include the Human Services Commission annual report and a presentation about the Domestic Violence Assessment, and the April 26, 2018 meeting will include the Innovative Grant Application and Human Rights Commission annual report.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

---

Keith Blocker, Chair

---

Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office