



Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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

June 26, 2014

Chair Woodards called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, and Woodards.

Council Committee Members Absent: Mayor Strickland.

Approval of June 12, 2014 Minutes

Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Citizen Review Panel Check-In

At approximately 4:43 p.m., Reid Bennion, Public Works, described his role on the Citizen Review Panel and provided an overview of today's presentation. Keith James, Citizen Review Panel Chair, stated in 2013 it was difficult to meet as scheduled due to a lack of full membership, noting the Panel was forced to change by-laws to require fewer meetings. Mr. James stated the Panel did have full membership for most of 2014 until a member resigned last month. He then requested the Committee consider filling the vacancy with a college-aged student. Discussion ensued regarding youth membership requirements on the Panel. Chair Woodards requested staff contact local college campuses when advertising the vacancy.

Mr. James reviewed discussions held by Panel members and the public to change the name of the Panel to the Citizen Police Policy Review Panel to more accurately describe their work and relationship with the Tacoma Police Department (TPD). He noted new members were unaware of the Panel's responsibilities and expectations based on the current name. Discussion ensued regarding the potential name change, including the administrative and legislative requirements.

Council Member Campbell moved to have staff prepare an ordinance to change the name of the Citizen Review Panel for consideration by the full Council. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Mr. James reviewed the Panel's partnerships, including the Human Rights Commission to collaborate outreach efforts and community interactions, the City Manager's Office, and TPD to assist with the accreditation and reaccreditation processes. Police Chief Don Ramsdell noted TPD has worked closely with the Panel and looks forward to staying engaged with members. Discussion ensued regarding the Panel's 2014 work plan, including public meetings, assistance with racial reconciliation work, and the COPS grant. Chair Woodards requested the Panel work with TPD and the Equity Empowerment Initiative to further engage the community.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Genesis Gavino, City Manager's Office, stated the gun safety topic was removed from the July 24, 2014 meeting as it was presented at study session this week; the YMCA of Pierce County's presentation on the Community Schools Initiative has been confirmed for the July 10, 2014 meeting; and the Fire Department will provide a written fireworks report to the Committee unless there are major incidents. Chair Woodards requested presenters at the July 10, 2014 meeting have time limits. Ms. Gavino stated individuals providing an update on metal theft have requested the Committee provide specific questions to be addressed in the presentation. Council Member Campbell stated he would like to know how many people have applied for a license, how many tickets have been issued, and an update on compliance.

Other Items of Interest

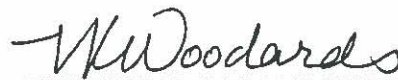
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office