



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

April 12, 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 4:31 p.m.

Present: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata and Ushka

Briefing Items

1. [18-0370](#) Domestic Violence Assessment
[Vicky McLaurin, Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 4:31 p.m., Vicky McLaurin, Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services, presented a briefing of the 2018 Domestic Violence (DV) Assessment, including background, current 2017-2018 investments, actual and projected outcomes, 2015 and 2016 funding priorities, and common measures. She reviewed regional DV emergency shelter capacity, including name of shelter, capacity, and eligibility criteria; agencies that DV providers refer to; and referrals from agencies to DV providers. She concluded on client characteristics, age, race, and ethnicity; DV offenses per 1000 residents; and priority needs of clients, including a list of recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding the statistics reported on the DV offenses per 1000 residents; reporting rate in Tacoma compared to the state; which shelters are overnight shelters; age of victims and perpetrators; and hotel vouchers, including budget, who provides it, process, and partnerships. Discussion continued on the recommendation list, and Crystal Judson Family Justice Center essential expenditures and legal services. Discussion concluded on the next steps of the recommendations.

2. [18-0372](#) Human Services Commission Annual Report
[Jovan Dumas, Chair, Human Services Commission]

At approximately 4:58 p.m., Jovan Dumas, Chair, Human Services Commission (HSC), provided the HSC Annual Report, including current activities, the 2018 work plan, and an assessment of the state of the Commission. He described the 2017 HSC activities, including the review of a Gang Assessment, senior center operations solicitation, and Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant solicitation. He stated in 2017 HSC welcomed six new members to the Commission, together they developed priorities and looked for ways to strengthen their experience with the Commission, and implementation of the work. Mr. Dumas further described the 2018 work plan, including an orientation for the new commissioners, providing opportunities to the new commissioners to visit and learn about programs HSC currently funds; and reviewed the assessment, noting strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

Discussion ensued regarding City Council's collaboration with affordable housing and the impacts of changes, diversity of representation in membership on the Commission, and the deadline to apply for the HSC vacancies.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [18-0373](#) April 26, 2018 - 2018 Innovative Grant Application and Schedule, Human Rights Commission Annual Report, and Fire Station #5 Tideflats
May 10, 2018 - Human Services Commission Interviews and Tacoma Creates

Committee Liaison William Suarez stated the meeting on April 26, 2018 will include the 2018 Innovative Grant application, Human Rights Commission Annual Report, and Fire Station No. 5. The May 10, 2018 meeting will include the Human Services Commission interviews and noted the Tacoma Creates topic will be moved to the Economic Development Committee by request of staff.

Discussion ensued regarding the move of Tacoma Creates topic and when an overview of tenant protections and tenant bill of rights will be discussed.

Other Items of Interest

4. [18-0375](#) Discussion on Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs' Appointment Recommendations
[Mary Morrison, Organization Development Manager, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

At approximately 5:11 p.m., Mary Morrison, Organization Development Manager, Office of Equity and Human Rights, provided a background of appointments to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee affairs, informed the Committee of a candidate who withdrew before the appointment, and recommended to reassign the current Alternate Member Maria Villalpando Ramos to a full-time Member position.

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the reassignment of Maria Villalpando Ramos from the Alternate position on the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to a Member position to serve a two-year term to expire February 29, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata and Ushka

Ms. Morrison further stated she recommended the creation of a short list for the future vacancies that may occur.

Discussion ensued regarding the scheduled Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs meetings.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office