



City of Tacoma Neighborhoods and Housing Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

October 06, 2014

4:30 PM

Chair Lauren Walker, Vice Chair Joe Lonergan,
David Boe, Anders Ibsen, Victoria Woodards (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: 3 - Boe, Ibsen and Walker

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

Council Member Lonergan arrived at 4:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- 14-0926** Approval of the minutes of August 18, 2014
MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2014.
SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.
ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.
Ayes: 3 - Boe, Ibsen and Walker
Absent: 1 - Lonergan

Briefing Items

- 14-0927** Encampment Monitoring and Site Hardening Update
[Colin Deforrest, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 4:33 p.m. Colin Deforrest, Homeless Housing First Coordinator, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), stated today's presentation is an update on the City's encampment monitoring and site hardening work, noting many of the City's identified encampment hotspots

require site hardening to keep them clear of new activity. He provided background information on the 2013 Revised Encampment Clean-up process and its four phases: identification, clean-up, monitoring, and site hardening; he then provided further details on monitoring and site hardening methods, including positive community monitoring; and fencing, lighting, maintenance of trees and brush and ergonomic diversion techniques. He showed slides of areas with the methods in place, including Swan Creek, Stadium Way, 28th and M Street, 4th Street Bridge, and one of the City’s senior centers. Mr. DeForrest concluded with next steps, including monitoring plans for Freighthouse Square, Lincoln Park, the “Jungle Area” project; and site hardening for Dock Street, Delin Street, 34th Street Bridge, and 35th and N Street.

Discussion ensued regarding the City’s numbers of homeless, connecting them with services, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, if any signage is put up with the fencing, and whether NCS works with TPU to take advantage of energy efficiency programs available.

3. 14-0929 Minimum Building and Structure Code Update
 [Lisa Wojtanowicz, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 4:55 p.m. Lisa Wojtanowicz, Division Manager, NCS, stated today’s presentation is an update from the last presentation in August, and she is seeking a recommendation from the Committee to move this item forward for full Council consideration.

Ms. Wojtanowicz stated the Minimum Building and Structures Code (MBSC) ensures maintenance of the City’s existing buildings. She reviewed the four categories of buildings and goals. She stated staff is recommending a repeal and re-enact of Chapter 2.01 of the Municipal Code. She then reviewed all of the proposed Code revisions in further detail. Ms. Wojtanowicz concluded with next steps, including first reading of the ordinance to amend Chapter 2.01 on October 28, 2014, pending Committee recommendation today. Discussion ensued regarding “initiation of enforcement”, under TMC 2.01.050 A. Council Members Boe and Walker suggested Section 2 regarding complaints should be re-arranged to clarify the language. Discussion continued regarding requirements for elevators.

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to recommend this item to the full Council for consideration with the caveat that he may have to conduct more research on requirements for elevators in 3-story buildings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan and Walker

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. 14-0928 October 20, 2014 - PATH Team Expansion; Noise Code Update

Genesis Gavino, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is October 20, 2014 and tentative topics include and topics include rapid removal graffiti evaluation/recommendation, historic nominations, PATH team expansion, and an update on the Noise Code.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Lauren Walker, Chair



Jennifer Joyce, City Clerk's Office