



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

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April 14, 2022

4:30 PM

Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker, Kiara Daniels,
Sarah Rumbaugh, John Hines (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Blocker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0453](#) Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing ten applicants for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA), and that there are nine positions available, including seven member positions, one young adult position, and one alternate position. She further stated that the Council Members can only recommend eight positions as the applicant for the young adult position withdrew from consideration.

Chair Ushka stated that the Committee will not be making appointments at today's meeting, and that the Committee will continue interviews at the April 21, 2022, special meeting.

The Committee interviewed Frank D'Andrea, Alexandria Garrett, Natalie Ghayoumi, Stacy Kowalski, Samantha Le, Maurice Lekea, Hugo Nicolas, Thierry Ruboneka, and Bruce Sadler.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [22-0454](#) April 21, 2022 Special Meeting - Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
Interviews; House Bill 1590 Spending Draft Plan
April 28, 2022 - Human Rights Commission Interviews
May 12, 2022 - Human Services Commission Interviews;
Encampment Removal Process

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be a special meeting held on April 21, 2022, and will include additional interviews for CIRA, as well as a presentation on the House Bill 1590 spending draft plan. He concluded by stating that the April 28, 2022, meeting will include interviews for the Human Rights Commission; and the May 12, 2022, meeting will include interviews for the Human Services Commission and a presentation on the encampment removal process.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Ushka stated that she attended the April 8, 2022, meeting of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, where they received a report on a draft study on accessible taxis in the City of Tacoma.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21p.m.



for

Catherine Ushka, Chair



Kiaira Thomas, City Clerk's Office