



Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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

October 24, 2013

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

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Woodards, and Mayor Strickland.

Council Committee Members Absent: Lonergan (arrived at 4:36 p.m.)

Approval of October 10, 2013 Minutes

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Strickland. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Youth Building Tacoma Program Redesign

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Pamela Duncan, Neighborhood and Community Services, provided an update on the Youth Building Tacoma service delivery, including an overview of the program and background information.

Council Member Lonergan arrived here, at 4:36 p.m.

Ms. Duncan continued reviewing Youth Building Tacoma, including the program's service delivery, goals, the new service delivery model, recruiting, trades discovery, participant support, outcomes, outputs, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the recruiting requirement that participants must be able to get their driver's license, and whether there are waiting lists for the program. Chair Woodards requested information regarding the number of participants turned away from the program because they are unable to obtain their driver's license; she then requested staff research how this is addressed in other cities. Mayor Strickland requested information regarding the retention rate of participants after job placement; Tansy Hayward, Assistant City Manager, stated the program may only be required to track placement rates, not retention rates. Council Member Lonergan stated retention rates would be helpful and may help create a list of program alumni that could be used to inspire future participants.

West End Voluntary Alcohol Impact Area

At approximately 5:00 p.m., Captain Shawn Gustason, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), provided opening remarks and introduced Lieutenant Bob Maule, TPD. Lt. Maule reviewed the West End Alcohol Impact Area (AIA), including an overview of the program, background information, issues, next steps, and recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding the list of banned products, businesses participating in the AIA, compliance rates, interaction with distributors and retailers, future plans for areas that are not currently part of an AIA, whether there has been changes in the behavior of chronic public inebriants because they cannot purchase banned products, data collection, loan programs to help AIA businesses make façade or landscape improvements, and

whether businesses can replace banned products with small bottles of hard liquor. Council Member Lonergan suggested staff work with the Neighborhood Councils to help support AIA businesses. Chair Woodards requested staff provide an update to this Committee in March of 2014 to discuss long-term recommendations.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office, stated the November 14, 2013 meeting has been cancelled, and there will be a special meeting on November 21, 2013, to discuss changes to jail services and the impact on Municipal Court. She then stated she is working with the Washington State Department of Licensing to schedule an update on metal theft, and the November 28, 2013 meeting is cancelled for Thanksgiving. Ms. Stoltman noted topics for the last meeting of the year on December 12, 2013, include an update from TPD regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the Child Abduction Response Team accreditation, the Tacoma Fire Department's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and interviews for Committees, Boards, and Commissions. Chair Woodards requested staff schedule a discussion at this Committee regarding gun buy-back or gun give-back programs. Discussion ensued regarding the programs, including their effectiveness, the process for implementing a program, the involvement of gun shop owners, licensing rules and regulations, and creating a policy to define how citizens should turn in unwanted guns.

Other Items of Interest

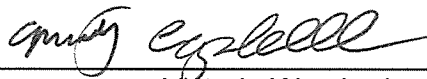
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

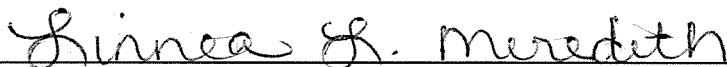
None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office