



City of Tacoma Human Services Commission

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Zoom

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

Commissioners Present:

Vice Chair Zach Dillon, Secretary Kelly McDonald, Jason Grube, Lisa Keating, Cherrielee Matthews, Elizabeth Pebley, Amanda Scott-Thomas, Valentine Smith, Naomi Wilson

Commissioners Absent:

Chair Rahn Clayton, Jovan Dumas, Luis Beltran, Magdalena Stickel, Rebecca Stith

Staff Present:

Linda Stewart, Allyson Griffith, Kristin Ely, Tiegan Tidball, Renee Johnson

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks Vice Chair: Zach Dillon
Vice Chair Zach Dillon called the meeting to order at 6:04.

2. Approval of the October Agenda Vice Chair: Zach Dillon
Lisa made a motion to approve at 6:04, Jason seconded, and it was unanimously approved by Vice Chair Zach Dillon, Secretary Kelly McDonald, Jason Grube, Lisa Keating, Cherrielee Matthews, Elizabeth Pebley, Amanda Scott-Thomas, Valentine Smith, Naomi Wilson

3. Review/Approval of February Minutes Vice Chair: Zach Dillon
Tabled until the next meeting

4. Ice Breaker Vice Chair: Zach Dillon
What are the COVID hobbies you have picked up?

5. NCS Updates NCS Staff
Allyson Griffith shared updates since February 2020 when HSC had its last meeting. HSC and its staffing will now fall under Allyson Griffith and Kristin Ely due to restructuring within the department. Both Renee and Tiegan gave their thanks for the opportunity to work with the HSC.

2020 NCS Timeline Highlights

- March
 - Begin remotely working
 - Senior Center closure for COVID-19 safety
 - City postpones projects and events for COVID-19 safety and response:
 - Beacon Center Remodel
 - Re-development of NCS strategic Plan
 - Community events such as Community Cleanups, Neighborhood Council trainings, and T-Town expo



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- April
 - Plan initial budget cuts for projected 2020 shortfall
 - Contracted partners are notified that there will not be a competitive process for 2021
- May
 - Staff furloughs of five weeks begin, all staff rotate through end of July
 - Neighborhood Council funding and Innovative Grants are withheld due to budgetary impacts
- June
 - City Council passes [resolution 40622](#) focusing on transformative efforts to improve equity in service delivery
 - [Re-location of Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelters](#) (TEMS) at 8th and MLK to 60th and McKinley
- July
 - Departments begin biennial budget planning
- August
 - NCS Accepts federal funding (ESG CV-2) to support non-congregate sheltering for individuals experiencing homelessness
- September
 - [Homelessness Program Update](#)
 - [Work on TEMS at 602 N Orchard begins](#)
 - New HSC staff support (Kristin Ely and Allyson Griffith)
 - COVID-19 Digital Infrastructure Awards are made to 22 organizations
- October
 - [Proposed 2021-2022 Budget](#) (link to budget book and presentation timelines)
- November
 - November 4, 2020 Proposed Special Meeting of HSC to review recommended 2021-2022 contract allocations
 - November 12, 2020 CVS meeting with recommended funding allocations
 - November 17 and 24, 2020 first and second reading of biennial budget

6. 2021 Funding and Allocations

NCS Staff

Linda Stewart shared updates

City is working toward transformation from a DEI perspective, continuity of services, and a strong pandemic response. These three priorities drove the development of the 2021 budget.

The city of Tacoma has a \$40 million dollar revenue shortfall. Council is examining a 10% reduction across the board for the budget.



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No competitive process for 2021 for organizations. The Human Services Commission will need to be engaged in a different way. There will be an effort with first time funded organizations where they will apply and be reviewed. Put contracts in place for 2 years for non profits. \$1.3 million dollar reduction in MHSUD. With the focus on shelter, there will reductions elsewhere.

For now, HSC is asked to support the recommendations of the staff in continuing to fund existing organizations.

Priorities will include shelter, pandemic response, and DEI transformation.

Naomi made a motion to accept moving our HSC meeting from November 11th to November 4th to hear the recommendations for budget reductions. Elizabeth seconded, and it was unanimously approved by Vice Chair Zach Dillon, Secretary Kelly McDonald, Jason Grube, Lisa Keating, Cherrielee Matthews, Elizabeth Pebley, Amanda Scott-Thomas, Valentine Smith, Naomi Wilson.

Allyson shared the 9 buckets for funding with Commissioners. The majority of funding falls in shelter at 29%. On November 4th, the city staff will present Commissioners with how the City can support existing organizations within those buckets.

7. HSC Recruitment and Elections NCS Staff
We will discuss this topic at the November 4th meeting.
8. Good of the Order Vice Chair: Zach Dillon
n/a
9. Closing Comments/Adjourn Vice Chair: Zach Dillon
Motion to adjourn at 7:39 by Elizabeth and seconded by Jason. Unanimously approved by Vice Chair Zach Dillon, Secretary Kelly McDonald, Jason Grube, Lisa Keating, Cherrielee Matthews, Elizabeth Pebley, Amanda Scott-Thomas, Valentine Smith, Naomi Wilson

Next HSC Meeting is a Special Meeting: November 4, 2020 6:00 pm