



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

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October 14, 2021

4:30 PM

Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker,
Chris Beale, John Hines, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0988](#) Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction Program Update
[Vicky McLaurin, Community Services Manager; Renee Johnson, Systems Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Vicky McLaurin, Community Services Manager; and Renee Johnson, Systems Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services, presented on the Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction (YYAVR) program, including an overview, a YYAVR project overview, funding allocation, program performance measures and outcomes, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding a request for a list of accomplishments with current funding; getting more resources and funding for the YYAVR program; collaboration between the involved organizations; diversity, equity, and inclusion requirements; the Boys & Girls Club of America Community Advisory Board; future funding sources; what is needed to make a significant impact; and recognition for the work of staff.

2. [21-0989](#) Transformation Update
[Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager; Brian Maxey, Senior Consultant, 21st Century Policing Solutions]

At approximately 4:55 p.m., Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, introduced Brian Maxey, Senior Consultant, 21st Century Policing Solutions. Mr. Maxey presented the systems transformation update, including the beginning stages; initial stakeholder and resource identification; the City and community's vision of the program goals; deconstructing goals into accomplishable steps; working with the complexities of the process, noting personnel, budgeting, and scope; determining what the City has already done; work with City departments; considering work completed by other jurisdictions; Tacoma's desire to be at the cutting edge of transformation; short terms goals, noting developing alternative response models for homelessness, mental health, and crime; integration of county-level work; and designing a comprehensive community safety program.

Discussion ensued regarding increasing transparency and accessibility, continuing to involve the community, and showing that the City is responding to community requests.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [21-0990](#) October 28, 2021 - Feasibility Study for the Restoration of Library Services to the Eastside and Hilltop Neighborhoods; CDBG/ESG funding recommendations
November 4, 2021 - Interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee; Transformation Update

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on October 28, 2021, and will include a feasibility study for the restoration of library services to the Eastside and Hilltop Neighborhoods, Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant funding recommendations, and the first monthly homeless program update; the November 4, 2021, meeting will include interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee, and a systems transformation update; and the November 18, 2021, meeting coincides with the National League of Cities Conference, and may require scheduling changes.

Discussion ensued regarding holding the November 18, 2021, meeting later in the day than normal, and a request for staff recommendations on what time to start the meeting.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office