



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

April 13, 2017

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,
Joe Lonergan, Lauren Walker Lee, Ryan Mello (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

Approval of Minutes

1. 17-0382 Approval of the minutes of March 23, 2017.

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of March 23, 2017.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

Briefing Items

2. 17-0383 South Tacoma Community Policing Plan
[Captain Shawn Stringer and Lt. Alan Roberts, Tacoma Police Department;
Pamela Duncan, Human Services Division Manager]

At approximately 4:35 p.m. Chair Blocker introduced the South Tacoma Community Policing Plan (“Plan”) topic and called on Assistant Police Chief Shawn Gustason, Lieutenant Al Roberts, and Human Services Division Manager, Pamela Duncan, who provided an overview of the Plan. Chief Gustason discussed initial resource allocation, including the policing plan, a higher police presence, and the assignment of a Community Liaison

Officer. He discussed how effective management of the shelters can prevent some criminal activity and stated the Police Department monitors crime and calls for service using the South Tacoma Mixed Use Area boundaries. He stated the Police Department's plan is to share that information with the community and should there be any spikes in criminal activity that information would also be shared.

Discussion ensued regarding calls for service, community outreach, and the actions that will be taken should there be a spike in crime in the area. Discussion continued regarding a baseline study of crime for the new temporary use shelter and other shelters, the location of the shelters, and the positive interactions program and the expansion of that program to the South Tacoma Business District. Council Member Campbell asked for a comparison of reported crimes and calls for service with the other business districts and how to make this District feel safer. Chief Gustason stated that he would share the result of that comparison between the Districts at the South Tacoma Business District meeting. Discussion continued regarding the assignment, duties, and the neighborhood engagement of the Community Liaison Officer and proactive policing. Council Member Lonergan suggested having monthly crime statistics to show the South Tacoma Business District members and neighbors and asked about managing expectations after the youth shelter opens.

Ms. Pamela Duncan, Human Services Division Manager, stated the expectations of the operator of the facility is to employ intentional safety plans including hiring a security company and having a camera onsite.

Ms. Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant to the City Manager and Neighborhood and Community Services Director, gave an update on the shelter, including the timeline for reviewing the responses to the Request For Information for the design construction build out area. She stated preliminary assessments have been done to secure the area and on April 27, 2017, there will be a community discussion regarding the social enterprise piece of the process, and contract negotiations regarding tenant improvements can begin by the end of first quarter 2018.

Discussion ensued regarding the response to the proposal and the respondents will be sharing their concepts and samples with the community on April 27, 2017. The respondents included By the Slice, Tease Chocolates and Rise Up Bakery. Discussion continued regarding the budget for the project.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. 17-0384 April 27, 2017- Human Services Commission Interviews

Ms. India Adams, Committee Liaison, stated that the committee will meet again on April 27, 2017 and will hold Human Services Commission interviews and an Innovative Grants update from Ms. Shari Hart, Community and Economic Development Department. She also stated that the City will host a community event related to the Youth Drop-in Center and Social Enterprise on April 27, 2017 at the Asian Pacific Cultural Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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 5:18 p.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Doris Sorum, City Clerk