



Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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

August 28, 2014

Chair Woodards called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Lonergan, Mello, and Woodards.

Council Committee Members Absent: Campbell and Mayor Strickland.

Approval of August 14, 2014 Minutes

Council Member Lonergan moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Citizen Review Panel Interviews

At approximately 4:41 p.m., the Committee interviewed Daniel Thomasson (participated telephonically) and Steven Balogh.

Chair Woodards stated the Committee would come back to this item after the presentations from the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA).

Tacoma Housing Authority Meth Program Update

At approximately 4:57 p.m., Michael Mirra, THA, provided an update on the THA Meth Program, including background information, goals, contamination testing, reporting and decontamination, occupied units with contamination, prevention, results, costs and funding, and decontamination thresholds. Discussion ensued regarding contaminated units that are occupied, decontamination thresholds, and the process and cost of contamination testing.

Tacoma Housing Authority Education Program Update

At approximately 5:15 p.m., Mr. Mirra reviewed the THA Education Program, including the mission, goals, background information, the College Bound Scholarship Enrollment Project, and the Matched Savings Program and Scholars' Incentive Program for the youth of Salishan. He then reviewed the McCarver Elementary School Housing Initiative, including background information; why THA chose McCarver Elementary for the program; and the five major elements of the program, including housing assistance, parental commitment, supportive services, school district investment, and third party evaluation. Mr. Mirra concluded by reviewing the student mobility rate from 2005 – 2013, the program's reading scores from 2011 – 2013, 2013 outcomes, family income from 2011 – 2013, the most improved student of the year, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the student mobility rate, the families involved in the program, THA's role in the program, funding, turnover rates and impacts, possible program expansion, funding allocation, third party evaluations, and parental commitment.

Council Member Lonergan stated stability is important for all grades in elementary school and encouraged THA to include students from every grade. Chair Woodards requested this topic come back to the Committee at the beginning of 2015, and that Mr. Mirra send staff the handouts in an electronic format.

At approximately 5:52 p.m., the Committee interviewed Katie Evans for the Citizen Review Panel. The Committee then discussed the candidates' qualifications and skills needed on the Panel with current member William King and Chair Keith James. Discussion continued regarding the current Panel and the candidates' qualifications.

Council Member Mello moved to recommend the appointment of Katie Evans to the Citizen Review Panel to serve a three-year term to expire December 31, 2017. Second by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.

Council Member Mello moved to recommend the appointment of Daniel Thomasson to the Citizen Review Panel to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2015. Second by Council Member Lonergan. Discussion ensued regarding the candidates' qualifications. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.

Chair Woodards requested staff encourage Mr. Balogh to get involved in other volunteer opportunities in the City.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Genesis Gavino, City Manager's Office, stated the September 11, 2014 meeting topics include the Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) Cares Program, TFD fines for excessive false alarms, and the Tacoma Police Department Mental Health Co-Responder Program.

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 6:09 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office