



Neighborhood and Community Services Human Services Commission

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 6:00 pm
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 148

Meeting Minutes

Members:

Jovan Dumas, Chair

Rahn Clayton, Vice
Chair

Kelly McDonald,
Secretary

Zach Dillon

Kashmir Gavronski

Jason Grube

Brian Humphreys

Dana Owens-
Cheatham

Elizabeth Pebley

Valentine Smith

Janet Thiessen

Sean Waite

Naomi Wilson

Staff:

Linda Stewart, NCS
Director

Pam Duncan, HS
Division Manager

Glenda Duldulao, HS
Contract & Program
Auditor

Those Present: Jovan, Kelly, Janet, Zach, Valentine, Elizabeth, Naomi
Those Absent: Kashmir, Jason, Sean, Brian, Dana
Staff: Pam, Glenda, Erica, Vicky, Linda

1. Welcome/Call to Order

6:08 Jovan called the meeting to order

2. Approval & Signing of April Meeting Minutes

-Edit suggested by Zack business to busyness

-Edit to Janet's comment to be changed to "ensuring that funding goes to the right organizations"

Zack moves to approved the minutes to be approved with those edits, Elizabeth seconded at 6:12 pm. Jovan, Kelly, Janet, Zach, Valentine and Elizabeth approved.

3. Human Services Commission Updates

The community/vitality and safety committee is interviewing between 6-10 applicants for the open Commissioner spots. Among them is Jovan. Sean chose not to reapply and was not able to make it tonight, but will join us another time to say goodbye. Pam has not heard from Dana via phone or email, so the CVS might appoint someone in her place. A certified letter was sent to Indira and she is considered resigned.

4. Allocations Process Updates

6:20pm-6:30pm

Objective: For Information, Planning, Discussion

a. CDBG/ESG Council Recommendations Update (Erica Azcueta)

April 10th Pam and the Division Director delivered the recommendations from the CDBG and ESG funding recommendations from HSC. There was concern that some shelter beds were not funded since that has been made a declaration of emergency by the city. TRM Family Shelter, Salvation Army shelter service, Catholic Community Services Homeless Adult Services. \$138,000.

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Staff is going to recommend that those beds be funded by the general fund. On May 1st the city received the notification that the city's proposal to HUD did not have sufficient stringency in the contingency language used, not meeting their standards, so the city will be modifying our contingency language and resubmit. This means there will be a 30 day wait to allow the public to see any modifications made.

The allocations we will be receiving is \$500 less in ESG and \$32,000 more in CDBG. The HSC staff presented recommendations for the \$32,672

Zack moved to adopt the staffing recommendations as presented at 6:38 pm and Janet seconded. Jovan, Elizabeth, Zach, Valentine, Rahn, Janet and Kelly approved passing the motion.

5. Emergency Temporary Aid & Sheltering Update
6:30pm-6:45pm
Objective: Update (Erica Azcueta)

No major changes made.

At the stability site, 36 have gone to permanent housing, there are 86 residents, and there are 90 people on the waitlist. Newly homeless seeking services last week in Pierce County was 28 and in Tacoma is 18. 184 unduplicated adults have been served at the stability site.

Art has been added as well as physical activities like a Spartan race with the staff. They are starting a garden as a community. There is a community member with stage 4 cancer who participated in the Spartan race and has gained confidence in the process and been reunified with his daughter.

Couples will now be placed in their own separate units in order to avoid complications from domestic disputes.

Faith based organizations are able to host a site, first passed in 2014 but no one stepped up at the time so tweaks were made. The city designated that there could be no more than two shelters in each council district.

6. Human Services Manager Update (Pam Duncan)
6:45pm -7:15pm
a. Equity, SPARC
Objective: Update

Last meeting, we did not receive the local report which has been provided tonight. This report was shared last night at the city council meeting and some recommendations as a result of the study (over a year and a half).

Community Level

Providing opportunities for people of color to have equity with regards to personal wealth (purchasing homes)

Providing meeting places for people of color to voice their concerns and experiences in order to make policy changes.

Not just to provide a livable wage but a housing wage

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Agency Level

Organizations are typically led by white people in executive leadership and Boards and that should be a focus to develop strategies to recruit and retain people of color in leadership as well as operating from an equity lens and with a commitment to improve their efforts with equity.

Participants are required to participate in quarterly equity trainings. Organizations conducted a self-analysis to develop a strategy to increase their inclusivity and attention to equity. The assessments from participating organizations will be sent to the HSC.

b. 2019-20 Biennium Budget Process

Objective: Information & Update

The budget process has begun and an equity lens is being used to examine changes in the budget.

c. Tiki Apartments

Objective: Information

62-unit apartment building was purchased by a private developer and tenants were given a 20-day notice to vacate with \$900 voucher. Increased to 26 days with the voucher after media awareness was made. The city has been working to address how much time is an owner required to give their tenants. An emergency resolution has passed that requires a landlord to give a tenant a minimum 90-day notice (or a penalty to the property owner). That will sunset at the end of September. Permanent legislation is being drafted to flesh out how this will be addressed moving forward and to establish a relocation assistance fund.

To be clear, the owner of the Tiki Apartments had not violated any laws, it was simply clear that it was not a fair way to treat people.

The city has contracted with 211 to have a dedicated staff person available to provide services to the residents of the Tiki Apartments. Have currently worked with 8 tenants as well as Comprehensive Life Resources to provide access to a myriad of resources.

d. Youth and Young Services

An RFI was issued for overnight shelter/drop in for youth. 5 applications were received and a team of 10 is reviewing and vetting those proposals including 4 youth with lived experiences. Comprehensive Life Resources and The Coffee Oasis have been invited to come in for long presentations. Key thing to know, the young people expressed their concerns that their voice had not been heard when they made recommendations on services back 6 years ago. They also said they would have submitted a proposal if they had known they could participate. The selected organization will be asked to mentor the young people and grow their abilities to lead in organizations and foster professional development.

Rahn expressed an interest in attending and Pam invited the entire Commission to attend if interested.

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7. Other Business & Public Comment
N/A
8. Adjournment

Zach moved to adjourn at 7:29 pm and Elizabeth seconded. Jovan, Kelly, Janet, Zach, Valentine, Elizabeth, approved (Naomi was not present).

HSC Chair Signature: _____

Date: 6/13/18

City of Tacoma Staff Signature: _____

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