



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 859 6160 4917
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January 26, 2023
4:30 PM

Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker, Kiara Daniels,
Sarah Rumbaugh, John Hines (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 4:32 p.m.

Council Members Daniels and Rumbaugh participated virtually.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0078](#) Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs End of Year Report
[Raeshawna Ware, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 4:32 p.m.

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Raeshawna Ware, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR), provided opening remarks and introduced Lisa Woods, Director, OEHR; and Emani Donaldson, Chair, Alma Villegas, Vice Chair, and Maricres Valdez Castro, Commissioner, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA). Together, they presented the CIRA end-of-year report, including an overview; background; highlights and achievements; community relations; CIRA sub-committee areas of focus, noting the governance committee and community safety committee; recommendations, noting challenges, current actions, proposed actions, and accountability expectations; welcoming efforts, noting an overview of how the City is connected to Welcoming Week and resources

around immigrant and refugee experience; a request for Council Members to sponsor a Council Consideration Request (CCR) for use of the Council Contingency Funds to send two Commissioners and a Council Member to the Welcoming Interactive conference with OEHR staff; and CIRA's request for direction from the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding an update on and improvements for the Tacoma Police Department's translation application; achievements relating to the Language Access Plan and support for those detained in the Northwest Immigration and Customs Enforcement Processing Center; areas of focus through the CIRA community safety committee, noting Blue cards; recommendations, noting Commissioner participation in the committees, boards, and commissions (CBC) interview process; the CCR request; collaboration with other CBCs; CIRA meetings; and the questions seeking direction from the CVS Committee for CIRA.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [23-0077](#) February 9, 2023 - Closed Captioning Update; Code Compliance Overview; Chronic Nuisance Law and Application
February 23, 2023 - Interviews for the Human Rights Commission; Community Trauma Response Team
March 9, 2023 - Interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the February 9, 2023, meeting will include presentations on closed captioning, a code compliance overview, and the chronic nuisance law and application; the February 23, 2023, meeting will include interviews for the Human Rights Commission (HRC), and a presentation on the community trauma response team; and the March 9, 2023, meeting will include interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.

Discussion ensued regarding Council Member attendance at the February 23, 2023, meeting and the interview process for the HRC interviews.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Catherine Ushka, Chair

Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office