



# City of Tacoma

## Community Vitality and Safety

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 08, 2018

4:30 PM

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Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,  
Chris Beale, Robert Thoms, Conor McCarthy (alternate)

#### Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

**Present:** 4 - Beale, Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

#### Approval of Minutes

1. [18-0113](#) Approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting.

**MOTION:** Chair Blocker moved to approve the minutes of the  
December 14, 2017 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Ushka.

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Beale, Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

## Briefing Items

2. [18-0112](#) Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to reelect Council Member Blocker as Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for the year 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Beale, Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to elect Council Member Ushka as Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for the year 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Beale, Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Discussion ensued throughout regarding Council Member Thoms' deployment, and his reasoning for his elections of candidates for the Chair and Vice Chair positions of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for the year 2018.

3. [18-0114](#) Community Vitality and Safety Committee 2017 Year End Report (informational briefing)  
[Will Suarez, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office]

At approximately 4:40 p.m., Will Suarez, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office, introduced himself and briefed the Committee on what his presentation will entail, including what topics to expect for the year 2018 for the Community Vitality and Safety Committee; the purpose of the committee, including the policies, issues, and programs; a 2017 summary, including issue areas, informational briefings, requests for action items, and topics that were not covered or reviewed in detail from the Committee in the year 2017.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding closed caption details, issue areas, request for actions, and to add an outcome to the year-end report. Discussion continued regarding clarification of the Committee's ability to review rent hike limits, rent control and tenant bill of rights, briefing new Committee members on affordable housing strategies, the suggestion to do a property crimes task force report, and the suggestion to review recommendations and existing calendar agenda items.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [18-0115](#) February 22, 2018 - Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and Human Rights Commission Interviews

March 8, 2018 - Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant 2018-2019 Funding Recommendations

Linda Stewart, Executive Liasion, stated the next meeting will be on February 22, 2018, and will include Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and Human Rights Commission Interviews. Chair Blocker stated that the March 8, 2018 meeting will include Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant 2018-2019 funding recommendations.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding questions given to interviewees, an update on the application and interview process, location, and instructions.

## 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 5:04 p.m.

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Keith Blocker, Chair

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Stacy Manthou, City Clerk's Office