



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

March 28, 2019

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,
Chris Beale, Robert Thoms, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

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

Briefing Items

1. [19-0290](#) Program Year 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Recommendations for Annual Action Plan
[Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development; Erica Azcueta, Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 4:31 p.m., Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development (CED), presented the 2019-20 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development, including funding recommendations.

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

Mr. Murillo continued by reviewing the annual federal fund sources and programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG); the 2015-19 consolidated plan; the request seeking Committee and City Council approval; a graph illustrating the funding trend for CDBG, HOME, and ESG from 2010-19; allocation summary charts for CDBG, HOME, and ESG from 2019-20; the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) approval process; and recommended housing and CED

funding, noting agency, activity, 2018-19 allocations, and 2019-20 proposed allocations. Erica Azcueta, Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), outlined the CDBG public services and ESG funding priorities; background of the allocation process; recommended allocations for 2019-20 CDBG public services, including housing stabilization, economic stabilization, and youth emergency stabilization; and 2019-20 ESG recommended allocations, noting emergency shelters and rapid re-housing. Mr. Murillo concluded by reviewing the next steps and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding the recommended community and economic development funding, recommended housing funding, and next steps.

2. [19-0291](#) Strengthening Family and Domestic Violence Services in Tacoma and Pierce County [Carol Mitchell, Senior Counsel for Justice Services, Pierce County Executive's Office; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 4:50 p.m., Linda Stewart, Director, NCS, introduced Carol Mitchell, Senior Counsel for Justice Services, Pierce County Executive's Office, and provided a briefing on the 2019 Strategic Alliance to Strengthen Family Violence Prevention Services, including an overview, process for engagement, and outreach. Ms. Mitchell stated law enforcement and judicial topics still need to be reviewed, reviewed areas of interest, and the plan to begin a design process for a new system with the larger stakeholders. Ms. Stewart informed the Committee that any continuation of the program will continue to honor the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center (CJFJC), outlined the collaboration with providers in terms of service provision, and stated the services of a third party consultant has been secured to assist with the engagement strategy. Ms. Mitchell continued by explaining the intentional use of the term "family and domestic violence services"; a Pierce County proposed ordinance about violence that is committed in the presence of children which may impact the juvenile population; Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Stewart stated they are watching policy changes and informing decision makers of potential impacts; and outlined what is included in family violence. Ms. Stewart concluded by reviewing next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding next steps, terminology regarding the difference between domestic and family violence, whether Courts are going to start differentiating instances of domestic violence or prosecute them all the same way, the Federal Government's change to the definition of domestic violence and if it affects long-term funding for existing programs, if the findings and recommendations will include a forecast on funding and how much money may be lost, community outreach, and what evidence is needed in order to build better laws.

3. [19-0292](#) Hilltop Links to Opportunity Project
[Carol Wolfe, Supervisor, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 5:20 p.m., Carol Wolfe, Supervisor, CED, made opening remarks and introduced Todd Sawin, Principal Engineer, AHBL. Ms. Wolfe provided an update on the Links to Opportunity project, including an overview of the project and images of streetscapes, noting current and proposed designs. Ms. Wolfe and Mr. Sawin reviewed the community engagement, noting forms used, locations, partnerships, and design. Ms. Wolfe concluded by describing the collaboration and alignment with other major efforts, digital equity, festival area design, and next steps.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [19-0293](#) April 11, 2019 - Neighborhood and Community Services Equity Initiative
- April 25, 2019 - Joint Pierce County and Community Vitality and Safety Committee Meeting
- William Suarez, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting of April 11, 2019 will include a presentation on the NCS Equity Initiative, and the meeting of April 25, 2019 will be a joint meeting with Pierce County's (PC) Human Services Committee with topics including the Affordable Housing Action Strategy, PC Affordable Housing Revenue Study, and mental health tax and homelessness.

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 5:42 p.m.

Keith Blocker, Chair

Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office