



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

June 27, 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 4:35 p.m.

Present: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Council Member Beale initially participated telephonically, and arrived at 4:56 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

1. [19-0653](#) Approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

2. [19-0654](#) Neighborhood and Community Services Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative
[Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services;
Patricia Colemon and Annie Jones-Barnes, Colemon and Associates]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), introduced Patricia Colemon and Annie Jones-Barnes, Principal Consultants, Colemon and Associates. Ms. Stewart stated that NCS and Colemon and Associates has entered into the second phase of the equity, diversity, and inclusion initiative (EDI). Ms. Jones-Barnes presented an overview of Colemon and Associates. Ms. Colemon presented an overview of the EDI, including why the EDI is needed; definitions of diversity, equity, and inclusion; where the problem resides; and the solution, including options to lead, formalize, and engage.

Council Member Beale arrived here, at 4:56 p.m.

Ms. Colemon concluded with reviewing the approach.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding what the program will look like, reporting forms, measurement of progress, examples of solution plans, how EDI applies to contractors and nonprofits, sustainability, EDI integration, civic participation, plan formulation, and organization awareness.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [19-0661](#) July 11, 2019 - Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Closed Captioning Resolution and Education Campaign, and HB 1406

July 25, 2019 - Northwest Detention Center, and Homelessness

Bucoda Warren, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on July 11, 2019 and will include a discussion on mental health and substance abuse, and a closed captioning resolution and education campaign update. He further stated that the House Bill 1406 topic has been removed from the agenda, and the July 25, 2019 meeting will include updates on the Northwest Detention Center, and homelessness.

Discussion ensued regarding the duration of the topics and rearranging topics to discuss homelessness prior to Northwest Detention Center.

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 5:43 p.m.

Keith Blocker, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office