



# City of Tacoma

## Community Vitality and Safety

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

January 23, 2020

4:30 PM

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Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,  
Chris Beale, John Hines, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

#### Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

**Present:** 3 - Beale, Blocker and Hines

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

#### Approval of Minutes

1. [20-0036](#) Approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting

**MOTION:** Council Member Beale moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Hines.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Blocker and Hines

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## Briefing Items

2. [20-0041](#) Election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to reelect Deputy Mayor Blocker as Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for the year 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Blocker and Hines

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to reelect Council Member Ushka as Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for the year 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Blocker and Hines

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

3. [20-0037](#) Title 8.30A Chronic Nuisance Code Amendment  
[Danielle Larson, Senior Financial Manager, Tax and License;  
Keith Echterling, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office;  
and Julie Tran, Sarah Nuñez, and Kim Tosch, Human Rights Commissioners]

At approximately 4:40 p.m., Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance, made opening remarks and introduced Kim Tosch, Sarah Nunez, and Julie Tran, Members, Human Rights Commission. Ms. Tosch presented background and the request to remove “domestic violence” from the list of qualifying nuisance activity in the Chronic Nuisance Code. Ms. Nunez outlined how housing, immigration status, and language barriers can affect domestic violence victims from getting help. Ms. Tran concluded by reviewing the 2018 Tacoma Domestic Violence Needs Assessment, noting housing as the highest priority need of domestic violence clients and the current code.

Discussion ensued regarding unintended consequences of legislation.

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the proposed amendments of the Chronic Nuisance Code, Title 8.30A, regarding domestic violence, as presented in the staff memorandum of January 23, 2020, to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Blocker and Hines

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

4. [20-0038](#)

Participatory Budgeting Update

[Kenny Coble, Community Engagement Manager, Media and Communications Office; Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator, Tacoma Venues & Events]

At approximately 4:49 p.m., Kenny Coble, Community Engagement Manager, Media and Communications Office, introduced Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator, Tacoma Venues & Events, and presented the participatory budgeting (PB) update, including three PB projects; locations of the projects; the five-phase process of PB; and progress of the project facilitated by City staff members, noting the design phase and how the team was created. Ms. McBride introduced Victor Rodriguez, Program Manager, and Naveed Badri, Health Promotion Coordinator, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's Centers for Excellence, and reviewed the two PB projects funded by Tacoma Creates, including the value of PB, staff training, and progress in the two neighborhood areas. Mr. Rodriguez outlined the idea collection phase, noting the number of ideas, languages of the responses, and advisory committee; the proposal development phase; and the understanding of important issues in the community.

Discussion ensued regarding knowledge and perspective of districts, creating connections between government and community members, a budget recommendation, lessons learned from this program, resource boundaries, and community outreach.

5. [20-0039](#) Community Vitality and Safety Committee 2019 Annual Report  
[Bucoda Warren, Senior Management Fellow,  
Neighborhood and Community Services]

Bucoda Warren, Committee Liaison, presented the annual report, including the Council Standing Committee Process Manual and the 2019 Community Vitality and Safety Committee Year-End Report, noting issue areas, informational briefings, requests for action, the City Council Strategic Planning Work Session priorities, and one minor change to the report.

**MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to approve the 2019 Community Vitality and Safety Committee Year-End Report, as presented by staff.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Blocker and Hines

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [20-0040](#) February 13, 2020 - Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and Human Rights Commission Interviews

February 27, 2020 - Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA) and Citizen Police Advisory Committee Interviews, 2019 CIRA Annual Report, and Project Peace

Mr. Warren stated the interviews for the Human Rights Commission and the Citizen Police Advisory Committee will be moved to March, and the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and the CIRA interviews will still be held in February.

## 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 5:28 p.m.

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Keith Blocker, Chair

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Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office