



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

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January 28, 2021

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0098](#) Election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Council Member Hines move to elect Council Member Ushka as Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for the year 2021.

SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to elect Deputy Mayor Blocker as Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for the year 2021.

SECONDED BY: Chair Ushka.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

2. [21-0092](#)

Interviews for the Human Services Commission
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will be interviewing five applicants for the Human Services Commission; Valentine Smith and Naomi Wilson are seeking reappointment; and there are five positions available on the Commission, including four member positions and one youth position, all with unexpired terms. She concluded by stating the youth candidate, Mackenzie Sunde, withdrew, therefore there are only four positions to consider for appointment or reappointment tonight.

The Committee interviewed Valentine Smith, Naomi Wilson, Sean Dennerlein, Leslie Mintaraga, Reverend Phillip Appling, and Wilton Waverly.

Discussion ensued regarding applicants' qualifications.

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Valentine Smith to the Human Services Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Naomi Wilson to the Human Services Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Leslie Mintaraga to the Human Services Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Wilton Waverly to the Human Services Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

Discussion continued regarding a short list.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend Reverend Phillip Appling to a short list for the Human Services Commission.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [21-0093](#) February 11, 2021 - Interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority; Neighborhood and Community Services' 2020 Year in Review
February 25, 2021 - Interviews for the Human Rights Commission

Chair Ushka stated the next meeting will be on February 11, 2021, and will include interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and a presentation on Neighborhood and Community Services' 2020 Year in Review. She further stated the February 25, 2021, meeting will include interviews for the Human Rights Commission.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Catherine Ushka, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office