Virtual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 10, 2021
6:00 p.m.

City of Tacoma
Human Services Commission

Members Present: Laura Badeaux, Marvin Cooks, Naomi Wilson, Jason Grube, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Valentine Smith, Nate Minor, Rebecca Stith, Amanda Scott-Thomas, Andee Walton,

Members Absent: Chair Rahn Clayton, Leslie Mintaraga, Elizabeth Pebley, Wilton Waverly, Luis Beltran

Staff Present: Allyson Griffith (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:03 pm
   • Roll call
   • Commissioner Wilson volunteered to Chair the meeting in Chair Clayton’s absence.

2. Approval of the November agenda at 6:05 pm
   • Motion by Commissioner Cooks to approve, second by Commissioner Grube. Approved unanimously.

3. Review/Approval of October minutes at 6:05 pm
   • Commissioner Grube motioned to accept minutes and Commissioner Cagatin-Porter seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment at 6:07 pm
   • No attendees for comment

5. HSC Officer Nominations at 6:07 pm
   • Discussion on the Chair’s attendance and attempts to contact
   • Commissioner Cooks volunteered to fill the Chair role for 90 days
   • Discussion on meeting in December for the purpose of Officer elections
   • Commissioner Grube motioned to nominate Commissioner Cooks to serve as Vice Chair, Commissioner Walton seconded. Approved unanimously.
   • Commissioner Stith motioned to nominate Commissioner Walton to serve as Secretary, Commissioner Catagin-Porter seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. 2022 Planning at 6:29 pm
   • Discussion of historic meeting topics
   • Overview of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder funds and uses
   • Update on Coordinated Entry system
   • Update on shelter services
     o Focus on which shelter services serve which populations
   • Review and update on the City’s racial equity work and impact to the Commission
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- Equity index
  - Discussion of attendance at Neighborhood Councils to discuss role of Commission and make connections with Councils
    - Talking points
    - Calendar that the Commission could access for community and/or Council meetings, etc.
    - Guidance from Legal on role
- Annual Department update from the Director
- General City decision-making process and how the HSC, NCS, etc. interact

7. **Review/Excuse Absences at 6:48 pm**
   - Motion from Commissioner Cooks to excuse Commissioner Mintaraga. Commissioner Stith seconded. Passes unanimously.

8. **Good of the Order at 6:49 pm**
   - Discussion of whether to host a December meeting; general consensus to host a December meeting.
   - Request for End of Year update from the Director at the December meeting
   - Discussion about how to address Commissioner absences – request for clarification on commitment to attend Commission meetings.

9. **Closing Comments/Adjourn at 7:06 pm**
   - Commissioner Wilson adjourns meeting.