City of Tacoma
Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair Naomi Wilson, Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Secretary Andee Walton, Valentine Smith, Leslie Mintaraga, Laura Badeaux, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Connie Ladenburg, Kristi Coyne, Doris Brown

Members Absent: Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez, Nikki Singh, Balynda Warden, Wilton Waverly

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:03
   • Meeting chaired by Chair Wilson.
   • Roll call.

2. Approval of the November agenda at 6:04
   • Motioned by Commissioner Ladenburg to approve, seconded by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter. Approved unanimously.

3. Review/Approval of September minutes at 6:05
   • Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve minutes and Commissioner Ladenburg seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Review/Approval of October minutes at 6:07
   • Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve minutes and Commissioner Ladenburg seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. Public Comment at 6:09
   • No written public comments received.

6. Update on Inclement Weather at 6:10
   • Update provided by Caleb Carbon
     i. Cooling Centers to be open for days with anticipated high smoke index.
     ii. Overnight shelters to be open on days with below 32 degrees plus windchill factors.
     iii. 14 shelter beds added on November 21st to be available through March 2022
        1. Commissioner Ladenburg asks if shelters are first-come, first-serve.
           a. Answer: Combination of “de facto dibs” by those with a bed from the night before/most vulnerable are served first.
        2. Chair Wilson inquires about plans for addressing unexpected weather changes, such as atmospheric river, that does not meet current sever weather criteria.
           a. Answer: best provided by Department of Emergency Management at other time.

7. Homeless Engagement Alternative Liaison (HEAL) Presentation at 6:09
   • Presented by Javon Carlisle, Program Manager.
i. Outline of government-funded encampment removal and abatement plans.
   1. Discussion on upcoming and current removal projects around City.

8. General Fund Update at 6:44
   • Presented by Vicky McLaurin, Interim Asst. Director.
     i. Specific discussion on conflict of interest in rating for commissioners: Do not score or participate in process for specified organization.
     ii. Guidance on looking for organizational strengths and weaknesses during screening and rating.
     iii. No exception to fund anyone if the organization is not a good fit according to rater criteria.
     iv. Review of past practices.

9. Motion to cancel December meeting at 7:09
   • Motioned by Secretary Walton to approve, seconded by Commissioner Badeaux. Approved unanimously.

10. Review/Excuse Absences at 7:12
    • Motioned by Commissioner Cooks to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez. Approved unanimously.

11. Good of the Order at 7:15

12. Closing Comments at 7:16
    • Chair Wilson adjourns at 7:16.