

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
July 12, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Tacoma Municipal Building, Conference Room 248

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Clare Petrich called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL - JMAC COMMITTEE

Clare Petrich, Chair, Port of Tacoma
Andrea Smith, Vice-Chair, Metro Parks Tacoma
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma
Enrique Leon, Tacoma Public Schools
Debbie Winskill, Tacoma Public Schools

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

Metro Parks Tacoma: Jennifer Bowman
City of Tacoma: Randy Lewis, Linda Stewart, Anita Gallagher, Tosha Siebert
Port of Tacoma: Evette Mason

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved; passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of June 14, 2019 be approved; passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

Update on Homelessness Issues in Tacoma and Pierce County

Linda Stewart from the City of Tacoma was present to speak about the homelessness response in the City. Ms. Stewart reminded the committee that she had visited JMAC about a year ago for an update on the same topic. Ms. Stewart commented that since the emergency declaration by the City Council two years ago the stability site has served 305 individuals of which 93 have been housed. In April of this year the council directed staff to continue operations at the site. Ms. Stewart indicated that staff is continuing to seek and work with providers regarding the wraparound services provided at the site. It was also stated that staff are working with other providers to increase day time services at other locations in the City such as the Nativity House. An additional \$1.6 million has been approved by the City Council for 50 additional shelter beds at the Rescue Mission.

Ms. Stewart commented that the City is also focusing on providing services and shelter for homeless youth. The City is operating youth drop-in service and overnight shelter at the Beacon Senior Center. City staff is recommending a plan to have permanent overnight services at the center. The Arlington Project being run by the Housing Authority currently has 12 beds for youth and is being funded partially by a contribution of \$1.8 million by the City. In addition

there are six beds for youth in a confidential location.

Ms. Stewart commented that City staff continues to look at House Bill 1406 that would allow access to sales tax funding related to affordable housing.

Encampments in the City were then discussed. Ms. Stewart noted that the WSDOT now has funding to allow for two full-time workers to be a part of the City's encampment outreach team. This will allow for efforts related to encampments on WSDOT properties. Ms. Stewart also referenced the continued work with Metro Parks to address the encampments on park properties including recent work at Blueberry Park. A Park Board study session on this topic is scheduled for July 22, 2019. Commissioner Tim Reid commented that parks staff is working with the City and Tacoma Police Department to take a look at revising park code relative to tented structures.

The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT Team) made up of Tacoma Police Department officers and healthcare professionals continues to provide positive interactions, outreach and response service for the homeless individuals who are impacting the businesses of the City of Tacoma. This team strives to offer tailored services to the businesses of Tacoma who are affected by those that are homeless. The committee then engaged in a brief discussion about the importance of mental healthcare to combat the issues of homelessness.

Ms. Stewart commented that the County did have a crisis van that was operating to provide services for homeless individuals in the county but the project was only funded for a portion of the year.

DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

It was suggested that the quarterly meeting be moved to September 13, 2019.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

August 9, 2019 Regular Meeting – Cancelled

September 13, 2019 Quarterly Meeting – School Bell Schedule & Whole Child Initiative

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mapping Tool Policy Discussion (City of Tacoma)

Mapping Tool Update

Equity Index/Indicators (City of Tacoma)

Economic Development Board Presentation (Bruce Kendall)

Advanced Metering (Tacoma Public Utilities)

Tacoma Creates (City of Tacoma and Arts Non-Profit Organization)

Economic Development Strategies and Revenue Sources (Puyallup Tribe of Indians)

Whole Child Initiative Follow-up

Child Dependency – Foster Care – Remann Hall (Connie Ladenburg w/TJ Bohl)

Community Workforce (Benefits) Agreement (Metro Parks Tacoma)

Tacoma Dome Link Light Rail Extension (Sound Transit)

Address Poverty from a Governmental Standpoint

Affordable Housing

IDEA

Workforce Development

South Sound 911/Emergency Management

Continue Mental Health Conversation

Youth Mental Health Issues: Trafficking, Housing/Shelters, Gangs, Drugs, etc.

Economic Development Growth and Impacts

Trades, Apprenticeships, and Regional Partnerships (Tacoma SD, Bates, City)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Tacoma Municipal Building. The agenda topic will be School Bell Schedule shift and Whole Child Initiative (coordinated by Tacoma Public Schools). This will be a quarterly meeting with the CEOs.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Clare Petrich adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.