

Tacoma Human Rights Commission

STUDY SESSION

October 20, 2022

Commissioners Present: Andre Jiminez, Ronita Boulton, Mason Culbertson, Janice Langbehn, Verda Washington, Laurie Lynch, Melvin Nobles, Jr., C. Ivan Johnson.

Commissioners Absent: Courtney Acoff, Artyom Yakimovich, Norman Brickhouse, Robbie Johnston, Keshreeyaji Oswal, Amanda Westbrooke

Call to Order: Opened meeting at 5:40p.m.

Commissioners shared overview of Special Business Meeting.

- City Manager, Elizabeth Pauli, was desired for an in-person meeting regarding the Crime Reduction Plan. No in-person meeting has been scheduled at this time.
- Tacoma Police Chief was desired for an in-person meeting regarding the Crime Reduction Plan to discuss the metrics. No in-person meeting has been scheduled at this time.
- The Commission wanted intel on the so-called hotspots and the location of the particular spots and neighborhoods.
- The Commission wanted intel on the newly created ban on public camping to include what the alternatives are to the banned locations.

Committee Reports:

Racial Justice and Equity: Nothing to report. Need additional members.

Policy and Advocacy: No update on current activities. Need information on Crime Reduction Plan and Camping ban.

Outreach and Education: Studying what the housing and equity task force consortium is doing.

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Call to Order: Opened meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Roll Call

Approval of Business Meeting Agenda: Motion Melvin Nobles, Jr. Second Janice Langbehn. Approved by Commission.

Approval of September Study Session and Business Meeting Minutes: Correction needed. Andre Jiminez not present for September meetings and Janice Langbehn only present for Study Session. Motion and approval passed.

Public Comment—No public comment made.

Staff Report:

Reconsideration of Ayla Taylor v. Double Z Properties, LLC, HUD 10-22-7860-8. Tabled for Special Session as Commissioners had procedural questions.

Motion Janice Langbehn. Second Melvin Nobles, Jr.

Report out of No Reasonable Cause closures of Zyandrea Tucker v. Tacoma Housing Authority, HUD 10-22-7859-8 and LaChelle Cox v. YWCA Home at Last, LLC, HUD 10-22-7859-8.

Motion Janice Langbehn. Second Laurie Lynch.

Response to Public Camping Ban: Map and timeline of evaluation needed.

Committee Reports:

Policy and Advocacy: Not present.

Racial Justice and Advocacy: Reviewing Crime Reduction Plan. Want to meet with TPD Chief and City Manager.

Outreach and Education: Meeting regularly and developing a plan.

Election Process for Human Rights Commission:

Send descriptions of Executive roles. Nominations in November. Vote in December.

Adjourned: 7:29pm