

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

2019

During 2019, the Community Vitality and Safety Committee discussed and made recommendations on a number of policy matters. The Community Vitality and Safety Committee work summary for the year 2019 is outlined below under the Committee's suggested issue areas in the Council Standing Committee Process Manual.

2019 Year-end Report

ISSUE AREAS	INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS	REQUESTS FOR ACTION	TOTAL ITEMS
Police Services	5	1	6
Fire Services	2	0	2
Code Compliance and Community Based Services	7	1	8
Education programs, services and initiatives	1	0	1
Human Services	1	0	1
Homelessness	3	0	3
Affordable Housing	2	1	3
Neighborhood Councils	0	1	1
Municipal Court	0	0	0
Public Libraries	1	0	1
Other	5	4	9
Total	27	8	35
Percentage of Total Briefings	77%	23%	
Citizen Committees, Boards, and Commissions Appointments	30		

COMMUNITY VITALITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

2019 YEAR-END REPORT

POLICE SERVICES

Informational Briefings	Date	
2019/2020 Humane Society Contract [Shawn Stringer, Captain, Tacoma Police Department]	January 10	
2019 Tacoma Gang Assessment [Vicky McLaurin, Social Wellness Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]	February 28	
2019 Fireworks after-action report [Shawn Gustason, Assistant Chief, Tacoma Police Department]	August 22	
Mental Health Co-Responder Program Update [Shawn Stringer, Captain, Tacoma Police Department; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]	November 14	
Project Peace [Shawn Stringer, Captain, Tacoma Police Department; Korbett Mosesly, Management Analyst I, Office of Equity and Human Rights]	December 12	
Request for action	Action taken	Date
Title 17 Code Amendments [Shawn Stringer, Captain, Tacoma Police Department]	Do Pass	January 10

FIRE SERVICES

Informational Briefings	Date	
Continuous Improvement Advocates Project: Reducing Emergency Medicine Treatment Errors [Sionna Stallings-Alailima, Fire Lieutenant, Tacoma Fire Department]	June 13	
South Sound 911 Restructuring [Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]	June 13	
Request for action	Action taken	Date

CODE COMPLIANCE AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Informational Briefings	Date	
Neighborhood and Community Services Pilot Project [Keith Williams, Code Compliance Supervisor, Neighborhood and Community Services]	March 14	
Strengthening Family and Domestic Violence Services in Tacoma/Pierce County [Carol Mitchell, Senior Counsel for Justice Services, Pierce County Executive's Office; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]	March 28	
City of Tacoma Utilization of Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Tax Funding [Vicky McLaurin, Social Wellness Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]	April 25	
Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder [Vicky McLaurin, Social Wellness Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]	July 25	
Rental Housing Code Update ChiQuata Elder, Landlord Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator, Office of Equity and Human Rights]	August 8	
Chronic Nuisance Code Implementation [Danielle Larson, Tax & License Manager, Finance Department; Keith Echterling, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]	November 14	
Code Compliance Pilot Update [Keith Williams, Code Compliance Supervisor, Neighborhood and Community Services]	November 14	
Request for action	Action taken	Date
TMC 1.95 Rental Housing Code Amendment [Erica Azcueta, Homelessness and Household Stability Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services; Chiquata Elder, Landlord Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator, Office of Equity and Human Rights]	Do pass	June 13

EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND INITIATIVES

Informational Briefings	Date	
Neighborhood and Community Services Mobilization Contracts [Allyson Griffith, Neighborhood Enhancement Team Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services; Kristin Ely, Management Analyst II, Neighborhood and Community Services]	October 10	
Request for action	Action taken	Date

HUMAN SERVICES

Informational Briefings		Date
State of Black Tacoma [Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Korbett Mosesly, Management Analyst I, Office of Equity and Human Rights]		September 12
Request for action	Action taken	Date

HOMELESSNESS

Informational Briefings		Date
2019-2020 City-Funded Programs to Address Homelessness in Tacoma [Erica Azcueta, Homelessness and Household Stability Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services Department]		April 25
Homelessness [Erica Azcueta, Homelessness and Household Stability Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services Department]		July 25
Review of Policies Establishing Shelters for Homeless Individuals [Erica Azcueta, Homelessness and Household Stability Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services Department; Allyson Griffith, Neighborhood Enhancement Team Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]		October 24
Request for action	Action taken	Date

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Informational Briefings		Date
City of Tacoma Affordable Housing Action Strategy [Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development]		April 25
Pierce County Affordable Housing Revenue Study [Jason Escareno, Senior Legislative Analyst, Pierce County]		April 25
Request for action	Action taken	Date
PY 2019-20 CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding Recommendations for Annual Action Plan [Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development, and Erica Azcueta, Program Manager, Neighborhood & Community Services]	Do pass	March 28

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Informational Briefings		Date
Request for action	Action taken	Date
Neighborhood Council Program [Allyson Griffith, Neighborhood Enhancement Team Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services; Bucoda Warren, Senior Management Fellow, Neighborhood and Community Services]	Do pass with amendments	September 26

MUNICIPAL COURT

Informational Briefings		Date
Request for action	Action taken	Date

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Informational Briefings		Date
Library Board of Trustees Annual Report [Kate Larsen, Director, Tacoma Public Library; Wayne Williams, President, Library Board of Trustees]		March 14
Request for action	Action taken	Date

OTHER

Informational Briefings	Date	
CVS 2018 Year-End Report [William Suarez, Management Analyst, Community and Economic Development]	January 24	
Hilltop Links to Opportunities Project [Carol Wolfe, Supervisor, Community and Economic Development]	March 28	
Neighborhood and Community Services Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative [Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services; Patricia Coleman and Annie Jones-Barnes, Coleman and Associates]	June 27	
Northwest Detention Center [Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office]	July 25	
Community Engagement [Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications; Kenny Cobble, Community Engagement Coordinator, Media and Communications]	December 12	
Request for action	Action taken	Date
Northwest Detention Center [Keith Blocker, CVS Chair, Tacoma City Council]	Directed staff to bring back a more complete briefing	May 9
Closed Captioning Resolution and Education Campaign [Lucas Smiraldo, Policy Analyst II, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Todd Holloway, Chair, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities]	Bring back to committee with edits	July 11
Parks Code Amendments [Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office]	Do pass	August 22
Closed Captioning Resolution and Education Campaign [Lucas Smiraldo, Policy Analyst II, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Todd Holloway, Chair, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities]	Do pass	September 26

CITIZEN COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

Applicant Interviews for Citizen Committees, Boards, and Commissions	Interviews	Appointments
Citizen Police Advisory Board x2	7	3
Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board x2	9	4
Human Rights Commission	11	7
Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs	5	4
Human Services Commission	10	7
Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities x2	9	5
Total	51	30

Council Strategic Planning Work Session Priorities

In February, the City Council set their priorities for the year and assigned policy interests to each of the standing committees for development. Staff worked with Chair Blocker to organize the topics and bring relevant presentations to the committee. The topics are listed below, and topics not brought to the committee have been noted so they can be scheduled for 2020.

- Homelessness (presented April 25 and July 25)
- Street Crime and Opioid Response (Not presented)
- Low Birthweight and Health Equity (Not presented)
- Project Peace (presented December 12 and coming back January 23)
- Domestic Violence Strategic Alliance (not presented)
- Neighborhood and Community Engagement (Presented December 12)
- Food Innovation in Food Deserts (Taken up by EDC)

Council Member Keith Blocker, Chair

Council Member Ushka

Councilmember Beale

Councilmember Thoms