



Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Zoom Meeting

3:00 PM

March 3rd, 2021 Admin Meeting

Start Time: 3:04pm

End Time: 4:13 pm

Attendance: Nate Minor, Logan Cornwell, Rita Tumbusch, Tara Ryan, Tara Zolfaghari, Mackenzie Sunde, Rowan Ali, Zoha Ahmad

Guests: Mayor Victoria Woodards

Liaisons: Ted Richardson, Leandra Shelton

Conversation with Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards answered the Youth Commission's questions regarding police policy and current investigations of incidents involving TPD officers.

Notes from Mayor Woodards Updates:

Updates Police and Use of Deadly Force can be found on the COT website (updated weekly)
https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/City_Managers_Office/police_and_use_of_deadly_force_in_tacoma

In regards to the Manuel Ellis Case

- On March 2nd, COT sent a letter to the Governor's office (attorney's general) requesting updates on the Manuel Ellis case.
- The city of Tacoma cannot take any action until the independent investigation is complete. Once the entire record is released, the City Manager will make decisions on the next steps.
- The investigation is ongoing.



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January 23rd incident

- Pierce County is currently investigating it. Every two weeks, the County is releasing updates on the reports. Actions will occur after the investigation has concluded.
- COT is working with the county and other local municipalities to put together ordinances and street racing laws.
- TPD officers do not have scenario training that prepares them for incidents similar to what occurred on January 23rd.

City of Tacoma and Pierce County

- The 21st Century Policing report is focused on how the City of Tacoma can improve and transform the police department. Some strategies align with Pierce County. Example - Body-worn cameras for officers.
- COT is having a study conducted about divertable calls that will inform what kinds of needs TPD receives that can be divertable.

What steps have been taken by COT since the adoption of the resolution

- Adopted 8 Can't Wait
- 21st Century Policing recommendations. When the report is final, TPD will begin working on policy and practice changes based on recommendations.
- Two community members will now sit in on contract negotiations with the police union and COT. One person represents the Black Collective, and one represents Legally Black.
- COT stood up Heal the Heart of Tacoma and is working on standing up a transformation team.
- Community Policing Advisory Council
- Project Peace 2.0 - working on police relationships. COT has established a position within the equity office focused on Project Peace 2.0
- National Network of Safe Communities - completing a two-year contract through a grant to help heal the relationship between the community and the police department. Once final, they will connect with MYCT
- Internally, a group of staff is working to address barriers within the City of Tacoma.
- Challenge - we're not able to tell our full story all the time. We're limited in staff and capacity.



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Reminder - Youth Commission can request CoT staff or information on any topics through COT liaison.

Committee Updates

Social Health Committee

- Submitted a proposal for a session for the Charting our Future Conference.
- Pause on trying to connect with TPS regarding the website and mental health resources. Nathan is going to reach out with his role as Youth Seat on the TPS school board.
- Wanting to have a meeting regarding

Justice & Safety

- Finished up the education campaign on what "defunding the police" means.
- Identifying what ongoing engagement with the Tacoma police department will look like.
- Finalizing RFP for a session for the Charting Our Future conference.
- A meeting with TPS is scheduled for March 4th regarding updates from SRO contracts.

Environmental Health

- Finalizing letter for LNG opinion.
- Rita represented the MYCT with the Sunrise group in Tacoma. Through that work will be reaching out to Puyallup Tribe.
- Email from Planning and Development about an open forum about the development of the Tide Flats.

Education, Arts, & Culture

No updates

Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Youth Summit

- The proposal for the conference will be finished soon.
- Would other standing committees like to host a session or gather input from other youth?
- Brainstorming speaker ideas. If you have ideas, send them to Zoha.
 - Looking at a Youth to Youth conversation for the conference flow.

Ted will invite City Council Members to attend the General Assembly meetings.