

Mayor's Youth Commission General Assembly Notes

Meeting called to order at 3:10 PM

Adjourned: 4:17 PM

In attendance:

Students: Tara R, Shae, Zoha, Heaven Galvan, Joseph Muller, Kylee Krisologo, Chloe Mau

Staff: Leandra Shelton, Ted Richardson, Joe Franco, Vivien from BERK Consulting, Tasha Tacoma Public Library

Presentation from Tacoma Public Library Vivien and Tasha
Restoring Library Resources to the Hilltop and Eastside

- What does a Library look like?
- Blend what the community wants and desires
- Physical space where people can go and feel safe
- Place that non-profits and whoever can hold events and gatherings
- Multi-generational, open for everyone
- Reports due in June, circling on different options for each neighborhood
- One more round of engagement
- Share ideas
 - What does it mean to you?
 - What kind of advice for reaching more youth
 - Decisions to close libraries started 10 years ago
 - Right now is the time advocate for your library
- What does restore library services mean to you?
 - Tara, spent a lot of time in Tacoma, in Hilltop, loves that people can take advantage of the public space, feels that people are not able to speak, wants a space that people are welcome
 - Heaven, not advertised as a place where you can get things done
 - Any suggestions on advertising?
 - Librarians that are representative of the community that they live in. Making librarians feel more welcoming to the space
 - Availability of food.
- Should we build one large branch or two smaller branches of the library in the Eastside?
- Gave scenarios for both Hilltop and Eastside branch options

Youth Summit, June 6, Day 2 of conference

- Committees have been putting together sessions
 - Chloe, Justice and Safety Session
 - Youth Homelessness, Community Action and Community Organizing
 - Compiled a list of organizations
 - Environmental health and justice, on climate
 - Social Health, kickoff for teen mental health training
 - Education, Arts and Culture, state of youth mental health regarding education

- Holding organizations that serve youth accountable
- Youth Commission is putting together 4 sessions
 - Registration Link
 - Add to Registration Notes: Youth Commission

Human Services Commission Seat, reviews applications for funding, local non-profits that are impacting the community. Applications are now open. Will check on the youth seat age.