



AGENDA

City Events and Recognitions Committee (CERC)

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2024

Time: 4:00-5:30 pm

Location: Virtual and in-person (see below)

MEMBERS

Jessica Johnston, Chair
Alex Domine, Vice Chair
Keoni Ho
Tim Fairley
Jill Sparks
Jacob Tice
Kirsten Putman
Dallisa Hocking

The City Events and Recognitions Committee is administered by the City of Tacoma's Tacoma Venues & Events department.

STAFF

Ashley Young, *Community Events Coordinator*
Tammi Bryant, *Asst Director, Tacoma Venues & Events*
Hillary Brenner, *Marketing Director*
Jerrold Anonuevo, *Marketing Coordinators*
DeMeShee Pye, *Community Impact Coordinator*

INFORMATION ABOUT VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETINGS

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1. Call to Order

Land acknowledgement

Chair Johnston

4:00 pm

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| 2. Warm-up / Check-ins | Chair Johnston | 4:05 pm |
| 3. Approve Minutes | Vice Chair Domine | 4:15 pm |
| 4. Consent Agenda | Vice Chair Domine | 4:15 pm |
| 5. Public Comment on Agenda Items | Chair Johnston / Attendees | 4:20 pm |
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| 6. Staff Updates | City of Tacoma Staff | 4:30 pm |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marketing- Jerrol Anonuevo• Meeting Topics for 2025 | | |
| 7. Sub-Committee Updates | Chair Johnston | 4:45 pm |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLK-Jessica Johnston• Retreat- Alex Domine | | |
| 8. Meeting Discussions | City of Tacoma Staff & CERC Members | 5:00 pm |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subcommittee Selections• Rules and Procedure Changes for 2025 | | |
| 9. New Business | Chair Johnston | 5:00 pm |
| 10. Items for Future Agendas | Staff- Ashley Young | 5:20 pm |
| 11. Adjourn | Chair Johnston | 5:30 pm |

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Dallisa Hocking
Karen Sudderth

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ABSENT
Jill Sparks

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- 2. Warm-up / Check-ins** **Chair Johnston** **4:05 pm**
 - What are your aspirations personally or professionally for CERC in 2025?

- 3. Approve Minutes** **Chair Johnston** **4:15 pm**

First: Kirsten
Second: Dallisa
Motion: Carries

- 4. Consent Agenda** **Chair Johnston** **4:15 pm**

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- 5. Public Comment on Agenda Items** **Chair Johnston / Attendees** **4:20 pm**

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- 6. Staff Updates** **City of Tacoma Staff** **4:30 pm**
 - Marketing Update- Jerrol Anonuevo
 - MLK has been announced on social media. Please share!
 - Sponsorship online form is available for MLK
 - Sponsorship- Ashley Young
 - Just saying that the sponsorship is online!
 - Budget- Ashley Young
 - Council has approved the budget, but I do not have an update at this time.

- 7. Sub-Committee Updates** **Chair Johnston** **4:45 pm**
 - Special Event Funding- Jacob Tice
 - Everyone is just waiting
 - MLK- Jessica Johnston
 - Retreat- Alex Domine

- 8. Meeting Discussions** **City of Tacoma Staff & CERC Members** **5:00 pm**
 - Subcommittee Selections

- Tim recommends getting rid of the engagement subcommittee because they are only serving one function which is helping table one person at a time. Would like to see the group working together more and helping with MLK and CODA. Needs a sign up sheet to table
- Consider the function of the engagement committee
 - Sponsorship- pursuing businesses
 - Finding ways to have CERC meetings at another facilities
 - Engaging with the community to talk about programs
- Have a sign up sheet and at the meeting with current subcommittees and then executive committee will make final decision
 - Sign up sheet can ask what their preferred subcommittee is and if they have served on the committee before.
 - Box that says they do not want to serve on a committee at this time.
- Tim thinks allowed the opportunity to rotate onto other committees
- Jacob suggests that if there are more than the quorum that want to sign up for a subcommittee the person who has not served on the subcommittee before should be prioritized.
- Discuss how subcommittees will operate in the future at the next retreat. Be sure that anything that is added to the Policies and Procedures will benefit the future
 - Job descriptions for the subcommittees

9. New Business **Alex Domine** **5:00 pm**

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- Future of subcommittees
- Is there a need for an executive committee?

11. Adjourn **Alex Domine** **5:30 pm**

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2024 CERC Meeting Topics

January 15 – Subcommittee Assignments, MLK Updates

February 19 - MLK Recap; 2025 Recruitment for new members- What are we looking for in new members, Rules and Procedures Discussion,

March 19- CODA 2025

April 16 - Review new members, Vote on CODA Nominations

May 21 - Approve List of Attended CERC funded events

June 12 - Vote on Officers (Odd years), MLK theme brainstorm

July 17- New Members 1st meeting, CODA Recap, (council member Daniels?)

August 21 - Vote on MLK Theme

September 18- Summer updates

October 23 - Retreat agenda topics discussion,

November 20 - Vote on MLK Nominations, Approve following year meeting dates

December 18 – Vote on Special Event Funding, approving the 2025 meeting topics,

January 15 2024 – Subcommittee selections, Special Event Funding Recap, Rules and Procedures Discussion,

CERC EVENTS and Dates to Note:

January- MLK Jan 20

February

March

April

May

June- CODA June [TBD]

July

August

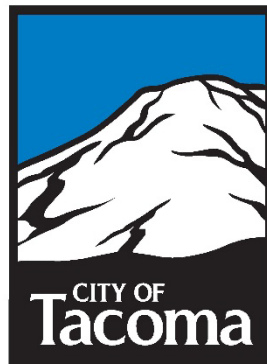
September

October

November

Rules and Procedures

Revised 2024



City Events and Recognitions Committee

Rules and Procedures

The City Events and Recognitions Committee will use the following rules and procedures in conducting its business. These rules and procedures were initiated December 9, 2013; Revised April 21, 2016; December 12, 2016; September 10, 2018; September 9, 2022, February 2024.

Purpose

The City Events and Recognitions Committee (CERC) was created to serve as an advisory and action committee on matters pertaining to City-hosted events and special recognition programs. CERC's responsibilities:

1. Plan, review, promote, and evaluate events.
2. Engage the community in fundraising efforts; solicit corporate and private sponsorships.
3. Review competitive funding applications; rank and select recipients based on established criteria. (Per City's Resolution 40622¹)

Proposed Oversight

1. Planning and implementation of the City's MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration². Review nominations and select award recipients.
2. Planning and implementation of volunteer recognition events such as the City of Destiny Awards³ and other special recognitions. Review nominations and select award recipients.
3. Other National and local observances.

Membership

Members are appointed by the Tacoma City Council according to its recognized appointment process. The CERC consists of eleven seats occupied by City residents; representatives from each of the City's five Council Districts and four at-large representatives. CERC reports to the Economic Development Committee.

Staffing

TVE Department will provide staff support to the CERC. This includes taking minutes at meetings. TVE staff will perform other duties as needed in support of the CERC.

Meetings

1. The CERC will meet monthly at a date and time to be established by the CERC. The time and day may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the membership present.

All regular meetings will be advertised through regular City channels and are open to the public, and are therefore subject to the Open Public Meetings Act⁴.

2. Meeting attendees will be expected to actively participate in discussion topics; they will be present and on-screen at all virtual meetings; as live meetings are once again allowed members will arrive on-time ready to participate by the arranged time.
3. The CERC may meet at additional times and dates in order to conduct the necessary business of the CERC. Public notice will be provided for these additional meeting dates.
4. Mission specific ad hoc committees or working groups may be created at the discretion of the CERC. All such committees or working groups shall cease to exist when their specific tasks have been completed. Each of these committees or working groups will create a work plan and provide monthly updates to the CERC **and/or** a representative will provide updates at all committee meetings during the duration of the ad hoc committee or group. Members and interested individuals are permitted to serve as ad hoc committee or working group members. These committees may include City staff and the general public in addition to CERC members.

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Rules of Procedure

1. Robert's Rules of Order⁵ will be used as the operating rules for the City Events and Recognitions Committee (CERC) except as modified by these rules and procedures.
2. State statutes or administrative code and City Council Ordinances or Resolutions (including the "City Council policies regarding City Committees, Boards, Commissions and Appointments") will supersede any individual CERC rules if there is a conflict but the rest of the rules will remain intact.
3. Speakers must be recognized by the chair in the order in which they raise their hands.
4. Speakers may yield their place in the discussion to another member.
5. Citizens wishing to bring an issue before the CERC will contact Tacoma Venues & Events Department (TVE) staff to include the item on the CERC agenda.

Attendance

1. CERC members shall notify TVE staff at least 24 business hours prior to a meeting if they are going to be absent. Failure to notify staff will be considered an unexcused absence. Members are expected to attend the entire meeting.
2. Any CERC member who has three unexcused absences in a 12 month period will be advised in writing of his or her attendance record and will be asked to become an active member or resign from the CERC. If the member does not respond, the Chair will notify the City Clerk's Office of the lack of member attendance. The committee may take the matter under advisement and determine future action at the next meeting after the second unexcused absence.
3. Any CERC member who is absent for more than one-third of the committee's total meetings in a 12 month period will be advised in writing of his or her attendance record and will be asked to become an active member or resign from the CERC. If the member does not respond, the Chair will notify the City Clerk's Office of the lack of member attendance.

(NOTE: The City Council is the only body with the authority to remove members.)

Member Responsibilities

Membership in the CERC requires a high level of commitment in order to fulfill their roles as representatives of the City of Tacoma. Members are expected to comply with responsibilities, timelines, and deadlines established by the CERC.

Election of Officers

The CERC shall elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a treasurer. Election of officers shall be held every other year by written ballot no later than the last scheduled meeting prior to August 31 during odd years. If a sitting officer tenders their resignation during an even year, elections may be held during said year. Term of office shall be three years and shall begin on first of the month immediately following the election.

Chairperson: The chairperson will be the presiding officer of the CERC and will conduct meetings. The Chairperson, or an appointee, appears before City Council on all matters related to the CERC.

Vice-Chairperson: The vice-chairperson will fill the role of chairperson whenever the chairperson is absent from a meeting or incapable of carrying out the duties of chairperson.

Treasurer: The treasurer will oversee program budgets with the assistance of City of Tacoma City Liaison and report back to the committee with spending recommendations.

Voting

1. The chair will vote only in the event of a tie.
2. The chair may not make motions except to open any topic for discussion.

A motion to table an agenda item requires no second and shall be voted on immediately without discussion. A simple majority of assembled members shall approve.

A motion to adjourn meetings requires no second and shall be voted on immediately without discussion. A simple majority of assembled members shall approve.

3. Staff shall record the motions, the maker and second of motions and the results.

Quorum

A quorum will consist of a simple majority of the active members of the CERC.

Agendas & Minutes

Agendas and minutes of Committee meetings will not be distributed outside the Committee until approved by the Committee. Staff will prepare agendas and minutes for the Committee, with Chair's approval.

Conduct of Meetings

Order of business:

- Roll Call
- Open discussion on a topic selected at previous meeting(s)
- Approval of minutes not previously approved
- Consideration of agenda items in the order set forth in the meeting agenda
- Staff Reports
- Sub-committee reports
- Other items
- Topics for Upcoming Meetings
- Public comment(s)
- Adjournment

The preceding order of business may be modified for any meeting by a suspension of the rules concurred in by a majority of the voting members present.

Reporting to Council

The CERC will make presentations to the Economic Development Committee of the Tacoma City Council as needed.

Conflict of Interest

1. If any member of the CERC becomes an interested party (see definition below) he or she shall immediately resign from the CERC. Also, if a member of the CERC has any other affiliation with an agency which may receive funding, the member shall disclose the affiliation, shall recuse himself/herself from voting on the matter, and shall not attempt to influence any other member of the CERC.

Interested party: a person who has, or expects to have, any pecuniary interests in the recipient organization, whether such interest is by position of agent, employee, director, owner, officer, or otherwise, and whether such pecuniary interest be direct or indirect. A director, officer or member of an organization shall not be disqualified from serving on such HSC when there is no financial benefit or expectancy of same to that person or his/her immediate family from affiliation with such organization.

City of Tacoma's Code of Ethics

The City of Tacoma's Code of Ethics in Tacoma Municipal Code 1.46 applies to any member of the CERC.

Open Public Meetings Act Training and E-mail Exchanges

Open Public Meetings Act carries with it accountability and knowledge of the rules and procedures set forth in State Code. Members are required to participate in mandatory training/orientation provided by Washington State Attorney General. TVE staff will provide access to the self-guided training modules⁶. Members will report to TVE staff upon completion of training. State fines may be imposed if training is not completed.

E-mail exchanges about Committee Business between members of the Committee can constitute a violation of the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), Chapter 42.30 RCW. Generally, if a majority of the members participate in an e-mail discussion of Committee Business, the members are conducting a meeting in violation of the OPMA requirement that meetings must be "open to the public with prior notice." It is suggested that CERC members observe the following guidelines to avoid OPMA problems with e-mail exchanges:

1. When possible, limit e-mail exchanges on issues related to Committee Business to less than a majority of Committee members. Sending copies of an e-mail to less than a majority may not suffice if subsequent exchanges relay the content of the original exchange to a majority of members.
2. Never decide at an open meeting that a majority of the Committee will continue or complete discussion of an agenda item by e-mail.
3. One-sided (no response anticipated) informational e-mails to a majority or more of

Committee members are probably consistent with the OPMA. In open meetings, the CERC members should verbally announce that they have sent this type of e-mail if it relates to the discussion at hand. Committee members are free to engage in e-mail exchanges with staff on one-sided e-mails, but not with each other.

4. E-mail exchanges on issues that the CERC will not address are consistent with the OPMA. However, if any reasonable chance exists that an issue relates to a vote that may or will come before the CERC, a majority of the Committee should not subject the issue to e-mail discussion.

Semi-Annual Review of Rules and Procedures

The Committee will review the Rules and Procedures every other year no later than the last scheduled meeting prior to October 31. Amendments may be made by majority vote of members present at the annual review or at any time when two weeks' notice of the proposed amendment has been provided by mail or electronic mail.

¹ Resolution 40622

² MLK Event

³ City of Destiny Awards

⁴ Open Public Meetings Act

⁵ Roberts Rules of Order

⁶ Access to training modules

December