



CITY OF TACOMA SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

DATE: November 12, 2013

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Coughlan, Nick Cutting, Bliss Moore, Holly Williams, Carol Shiflett, Agnes Pate, Alyssa Illich, Karen Hamilton, Dan Dzyacky, Chrissy Cooley

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ellen Moore

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Lynett, Bill Smith, Lisa Rennie, Jana Fischback, Jetta Antonakos, Jane Moore, Catherine Taylor

▪ **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2013 MEETING NOTES**

With the clarification of a quote made by Ken Campbell, "*reusable bags are the only solution*," the October 8, 2013 meeting notes were approved and adopted.

▪ **REVIEW OF THE NOVEMBER AGENDA**

The November agenda was reviewed and approved. The "GHG Inventory Draft Report" was removed from the agenda until completion of the data collection.

▪ **INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioners and staff welcomed new STC member Chrissy Cooley.

▪ **STAR CLIMATE AND ENERGY GOAL RESULTS**

Tacoma has received a 4-STAR community rating in the STAR Community Rating System. The City also has the distinct honor of becoming the **first** U.S. community to become certified. Tacoma was one of more than 30 cities and counties that participated in a year-long pilot program with STAR Communities. To be recognized as a certified 4-STAR community requires 400-599 points; Tacoma scored 438. Mayor Strickland will be accepting the official plaque at the National League of Cities 2013 Congress of Cities banquet in Seattle on Saturday, November 16, 2013.

There was discussion regarding the creation of a Sustainability Action Plan to be used as a reference document for members to work collaboratively with the City Council, various commissions and departments to ensure STC goals are being met. A STAR Climate and Energy Subcommittee (Chrissy, Alyssa, Agnes, Nick, Bliss, Carol, Bill, and Lisa) will be formed to work on this action plan. Staff will forward the subcommittee, a list identifying each of the City's existing plans (approx. 30).

▪ **SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY UPDATE**

Members reviewed a recent draft of the Resolution which would establish the City's Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure Policy. There is additional work to be accomplished in terms of working with Public Works to set some of the thresholds, as well as, an internal review to be completed before returning the Resolution to the subcommittee to finalize.

▪ **STAFF UPDATES**

- Staff is working to have the ghg inventory full draft report for review at the December meeting.
- The 2014 Sustainability Expo meeting will be held Thursday, November 21, TMB #434
- Staff recently attended a Seattle conference on fossil fuel divestment, and will be sharing that information at the next Government Performance & Finance Committee meeting.
- Members asked staff to inquire on the status of the Citizens Committees, Boards, and Commissions (CCBCs) proposed recommendations for the STC, as were identified by City Manager's staff at the March 12, 2013 meeting.
- Staff gave a briefing on their first of four trips to VA Tech on the ISO 14000 Environmental Management System, which provides practical tools for companies and organizations looking to identify and control their environmental impact and improve their environmental performance.
- On behalf of the Sierra Club, Bliss continues to speak with Council members re: plastic bags. The Commission agreed to draft a letter to Council suggesting from an environmental sustainability standpoint, the reduction in the use of disposable bags. Chrissy will present the draft letter for approval at the December meeting.

▪ **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jane Moore shared information from the Transportation Committee meetings; they are currently working on the Transportation Master Plan

▪ **OBJECTIVES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- GHG inventory draft report
- STAR / climate and energy goals
- Open space program
- Planning's comprehensive plan

▪ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 3:30 to 5:30 pm, Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Room 16.