



CITY OF TACOMA SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

DATE: August 13, 2013

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Coughlan, Bliss Moore, Karen Hamilton, Ellen Moore, Carol Shiflett, Holly Williams, Alyssa Illich

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: Nick Cutting, Jane Moore, Dan Dzyacky

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Parvey, Bill Smith, Jana Fischback, Jetta Antonakos, Lisa Rennie, Les Gerstmann, Marshall McClintock, Catherine Taylor

▪ **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9, 2013 MEETING NOTES**

The July 9, 2013 meeting notes were approved and adopted.

▪ **REVIEW OF THE AUGUST AGENDA**

The August agenda was approved.

▪ **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Phil Coughlan welcomed new STC member Alyssa Illich and asked for self-introductions.

▪ **SOLID WASTE DIVERSION GOAL AND DRAFT RESOLUTION – JIM PARVEY**

There is a City policy to divert 70% of the City's solid waste by 2028. A plan is being developed to track the progress toward that goal. The draft resolution was reviewed by the Commission. It was proposed to develop incremental goals in the Material Management Plan. Research needs to be done to determine achievable milestones. That research will take approximately six months to complete. An annual report will be presented to the Council to track the milestones towards achieving the goal. It was also suggested to do annual presentations to the public. The draft resolution will be updated to reflect the items discussed today and re-routed for review by the next meeting.

▪ **CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS RECYCLING WORKPLAN – BILL SMITH**

Bill Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation. The City is losing revenue due to "Sham Recycling," which ultimately impacts the rate payers. There are two phases to reduce the sham recycling. The first phase will enforce special permits and provide education to the contractors at the same time. Phase 2 will be a review of Phase 1 and determining if additional measures need to be taken. The workplan is in the beginning stages of development.

▪ **FINALIZE DIVESTMENT RECOMMENDATION – JANA FISCHBACK**

The draft letter to Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee was reviewed. The members would like to receive a copy to thoroughly review. Once all suggested edits have been made, a final version will be forwarded to members for review before being sent out.

▪ **STAFF UPDATES**

- The meeting with Planning and Development Services for the Green Building Subcommittee is being held August 21st from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor.
- The IPS meeting is August 28th and only 10-15 minutes will be allowed to review priorities. This will just be an overview, with more details to be provided in October.
- Media and Communications Department is not going to be able to produce the videos for Tacoma's Biggest Loser campaign about reducing carbon emissions. University of Washington/Tacoma has these resources and may be able to help.
- Kristy Cooley with Green Drinks asked if the Commission would sponsor next month's event on September 5th. The sponsorship is talking to the attendees at the meeting about the commission. Several members might be able to present if Kristi is unavailable.

▪ **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marshall McClintock from the Landmarks Preservation Commission discussed their interest in the Solid Waste Diversion Goal. He was also representing Historic Tacoma and their interest in the goal.

▪ **OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING**

There were no objectives discussed for the September meeting.

▪ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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