



CITY OF TACOMA SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

DATE: November 10, 2009

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Anderson, James Gawel, Dale Anderson, Ken Schmidt, Philip Coughlan

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: Joanne Buselmeier, Bliss Moore, Dr. Jane Moore, Louise Bray, Elaine Ott, Tony Warfield

OTHERS PRESENT: Elliott Barnett, Bob Mack, Kristi Lynett, Shauna Hansen, Catherine Taylor

▪ **Approval of the October 13, 2009 Meeting Notes**

Approval of the October 13, 2009, minutes was carried over to the next meeting in the absence of a quorum.

▪ **Review and Approval of the October Agenda**

Approval of the October agenda was carried over to the next meeting in the absence of a quorum.

▪ **Complete Streets Design Guidelines Project**

Urban Planner, Elliott Barnett, gave a presentation on the Complete Streets Design Guidelines Project.

- Complete Streets is a nationally recognized term referring to streets and sidewalks that are designed, operated and maintained to enable safe and convenient access and travel for all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, freight and motor vehicles).
- Complete Streets principles support multiple City policy priorities: transportation, mixed-use centers, residential goals, Climate Action plan, Safe and Clean Initiative.
- Mixed-use centers were the first focus for the City's Complete Streets Project and were identified as high-priority areas for complete streets approaches.
- The Commission agreed to submit a letter of support to the City Council for adoption of the Complete Streets Guidelines.

▪ **Tacoma Climate Action Plan**

Review and discussion of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan was moved forward to the next meeting.

▪ **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

▪ **Other Items of Interest**

- TPU has hired their Sustainability Manager, Lisa Rennie, who comes to us from Seattle City Light. Lisa will start mid-December.
- Cascadia Consulting Group out of Seattle has been hired to assist us in developing a sustainable strategic plan. They will begin working with the City and Commission in December.
- The City and various partners will be developing an application out of Region 10 EPA for the Watershed Management Assistance Grant. The grant will provide assistance to help integrate watershed protection and land use decisions.

▪ **Objectives for Next Meeting**

- Review and discussion of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248.