



**CITY OF TACOMA
SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

DATE: September 8, 2009

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Anderson, Tony Warfield, Bliss Moore, Dr. Jane Moore, Ken Schmidt, Philip Coughlan, Dale Anderson, Elaine Ott, James Gawel

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: Louise Bray, Joanne Buselmeier

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Lynett, Diane Wiatr, Bob Mack, Ken Peachey, Catherine Taylor

▪ **Approval of the August 11, 2009 Meeting Notes**

The August 11, 2009 meeting notes were approved and adopted.

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

▪ **Tacoma's Mobility Master Planning and Electric Vehicle Station Comp Amendment Update**

Urban Planner and Commute Trip Reduction Coordinator, Diane Wiatr, gave a presentation on the City's Mobility Master Plan and Electric Vehicle Stations.

- Mobility Master Plan: To provide planning and policy guidance to achieve a safe, comfortable, and desirable pedestrian, bicycle and transit environment throughout Tacoma.
 - Three public workshops to be held in September; draft plans will be introduced to the public in January 2010; anticipate City Council approval of the final Mobility Master Plan in June 2010.
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Station Comp Amendment: SSHB1481 was passed by the Legislature effective July 26, 2009, as an amendment to the Regulatory Code requiring the development of an EV infrastructure along the I-5 corridor.
 - EV infrastructure: Consists of facilities where EV motorists can plug their vehicles into an electrical source to recharge depleted batteries or exchange a non-operative battery for one that is fully charged.
 - By June 2015, as deemed "practicable" by WA Dept of Commerce, all public fleet vehicles should be swapped out to EVs; by 2018, 10% of all public/private parking stalls should accommodate EVs.

▪ **Tacoma's Sustainability Definition and Vision Exercise**

Commission members divided into three groups of four for a brainstorming exercise in identifying definitions and visions for Tacoma's Sustainability Plan – to outline a few:

- Ecological integrity
- Values and supports quality education
- Innovative economic growth commensurate with other sustainable goals (encourages learning and innovation)
- Livability (quality, livable neighborhoods; diverse)
- Environmental integrity (employs local benchmarks to measure its progress; living healthy/green)
- Family-, transit-, and pedestrian-oriented

▪ **Climate Action Plan 2-Year (2009-2010) Strategies**

Members reviewed the progress to-date (August 2009) as outlined in the 2-Year Climate Action Plan matrix, with discussion on what and how the Commission might want to work on implementing the recommended activities.

▪ **Public Comment**

- Members were greatly encouraged to build-upon solar energy efficiency and to push for an anti-idling ordinance as part of the Climate Action 2-Year Plan.
- Community/Media Services Manager, Bob Mack, gave a brief update on Tacoma Public Utilities "green" activities: sustainable manager hiring status, naming of TPU Green Team members, newly formed Executive Green Team, potential funding opportunities.

▪ **Objectives for Next Meeting**

Commission members will tour the EnviroHouse and the Solid Waste recycling manager will provide an overview of the City's recycling program.

Ramie Pierce, Urban Forester, will review the draft Urban Forestry Comp Plan Amendment.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Solid Waste EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen Street.