



CITY OF TACOMA SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

DATE: February 9, 2010

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Joanne Buselmeier, Jim Gawel, Dale Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristi Lynett, Bob Mack, Lisa Rennie, Diane Wiatr, Stephanie Gowing, Catherine Taylor

▪ **Approval of the January 2010 Meeting Notes**

The January 12, 2010 meeting notes were amended, approved and adopted.

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

The February agenda was reviewed, amended to include "Master Mobility Planning Update," and approved.

▪ **Master Mobility Planning Update – Diane Wiatr**

- The Commission was invited to attend public meetings on the City's draft Mobility Master Plan, Thursday, February 11 at UWT and/or UPS.
- The draft Master Mobility Plan has received a lot of support from the City Council and Planning Commission. The Green Transportation Hierarchy (GTH), which prioritizes* modes with the least environmental impact and the greatest contribution to livability, was included in the policy document and is an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan:

- *1. Pedestrians;
- 2. Bicycles;
- 3. Public transit;
- 4. Commercial vehicles/trucks;
- 5. Car sharing;
- 6. High occupancy vehicles; and
- 7. Single occupancy vehicles.

The GTH also received approval from the Planning Commission and Environment & Public Works Committee.

- There will be a public hearing with the Planning Commission on Wednesday, March 3, which is an opportunity for those in support of the Plan to provide comment.

▪ **Co-Chair Nomination**

Philip Coughlan and Louise Bray were nominated for a one-year term to a co-chair position. Election for the co-chair position will be held at the next meeting.

▪ **Report and Discussion on January EPW Presentation**

The STC presented a Climate Action Plan progress-to-date report to the EPW Committee at their January 13 meeting. Members took part in a round table discussion on their thoughts/ideas on what the EPW may be looking from the Commission going forward:

- Develop recommendations for policy changes and city ordinances relating to sustainability. This relates to how the City solicits and purchases basic supplies and services, manages waste and recycling, and defines land use site and building design and construction.
- Educational outreach – Develop educational opportunities at all levels for participation by City staff, public schools (from faculty to students), public forums and conferences. Provide programs that are beneficial to all walks of life, and provide education to areas that are not being emphasized in other departments.
- Emphasis on City procurement and more extensive recycling/lowering waste, development of green land use and building ordinances.
- Purchasing – Recycling.
- Develop a green procurement policy.
- Increase recycling; focus on organics.
- Proactive on waste reduction and energy.
- Engage new council members.
- Confirm schedule with city manager re: meetings/process.

Suggestions were made to either form a small subcommittee to focus on the two-year CAP, equating what it says, where we are and what the progress has been, or create time in the commission meetings agenda for reflection of comments on the draft CAP; then formulate a report specifically for the EPW within a certain timeframe. This will also help with further performance and department goals. It was commented to have more frequent CAP “progress” reports (every two months).

▪ **Sustainability Framework “Draft” Update**

A sustainability framework is a tool to create a path to more sustainable outcomes. The notion of sustainability is integral to the City’s vision for its future. The meeting opened to round table discussion on three draft visions:

- Vision 1) In Tacoma, we strive to achieve an exceptional quality of life for every generation and leave a legacy of stewardship. Our actions embody our shared community values. Tacoma has a rich history and sense of place. We have an engaged community that protects natural areas, conserves resources, and ensures that benefits are enjoyed by all. Our neighborhoods offer safe, vibrant, and affordable places to live, learn, work, and play. Our local economy supports entrepreneurs and provides lasting prosperity. We are committed to reducing our footprint in all that we do.
- Vision 2) In Tacoma, we strive to achieve an exceptional quality of life for every generation and leave a legacy of stewardship. We work together to achieve lasting equitable prosperity, to build safe, healthy, vibrant communities and to conserve the natural resources that sustain us. We reduce our footprint and thrive as a City today, tomorrow, and for decades to come.
- Visions 3) In Tacoma, everyone’s basic needs are met. We enjoy a high quality of life, and we ensure a legacy for the future. We meet current needs without compromising future generations; we shape the future through thoughtful and responsible leadership.

To make progress toward a more sustainable City, the Commission’s goal is to achieve these essential outcomes: become good stewards of our natural places; conserve resources; have/use transportation choices; healthy and diverse local economy; residents feel safe, healthy and supported; thriving unique arts/culture; everyone is involved in becoming sustainable.

▪ **Staff Report**

- Bob Mack and Lisa Rennie gave a brief update on various proposed bills from the 2010 WA State Legislative Session:
 - Senate Bills – 6763, 6656, 6489, 6373, 6515, 6421 and 6244
 - House Bills – 2853, 2416, 2545, 2471 and 2658
- EPW Committee presentation: “Recycling and Volume-Based Rates Update” – February 10
- City of Tacoma Mobility Master Plan presentation at UWT – February 11
- South Sound Sustainability Summit at PLU – March 13. Request was made for members to staff a STC booth
- Tacoma/Pierce County Community Gardener Summit at Manitou Community Center – March 20
- Earth Day – Citizens for a Healthy Bay restoration event – April 17
- Earth Day – Metro Parks Appreciation Day – April 24
- WA Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity to put on a Complete Streets Workshop – April 26
- CHB and BCRA reception and trade show event with green businesses – date to be determined

▪ **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

▪ **Objectives for Next Meeting**

- STC co-chair election
- Education and Outreach – subcommittee(s) breakout
 - “Sustainability Speakers Series & Other Outreach Events” and “Sustainability Small Grant Program & Event Sponsorship”

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Room 16.