



CITY OF TACOMA SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

DATE: March 9, 2010

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Joanne Buselmeier, Louise Bray

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Atkinson, Kristi Lynett, Lisa Rennie, Catherine Taylor, Jessica Svedberg, Paul Scarberry, Savin Chajonen, Alex Lippert, Michael Philiobi, Aaron Mclemore-West, Srous Phoung, Shawn Polhamus

▪ **Approval of the February 9, 2010 Meeting Notes**

The February 9, 2010 meeting notes were approved and adopted.

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

The March agenda was reviewed and approved.

▪ **WA Shoreline Master Program Presentation**

Urban Planner, Stephen Atkinson presented an update on the WA Shoreline Master Program (SMP), with the focus on the state's approach to shoreline management and discussion on the community and environmental benefits.

- The Shoreline Management Act (SMA) was passed by the Legislature in 1971 and provides for three basic policies
 - Protects the environmental resources of state shorelines
 - Promotes public access and enjoyment opportunities
 - Gives priority to uses that require a shoreline location
- SMA Jurisdiction
 - Marine waters below ordinary high water mark
 - Shorelands 200-foot landward of edge of these waters
 - Land associated by wetlands or 100-year floodplain
- SMP Guidelines
 - Used by Ecology and Growth Management Hearing Boards to review and approve local SMP updates
 - Set minimum procedural and substantive standards for local governments updating their programs
 - Negotiated settlement in 2003 between business interests, ports, environmental groups, user groups, cities and counties
 - Restoration planning

- Summary of Process To-date
 - Initiated process in 2006
 - Prepared draft study documents
 - Changes in CAPO, completed in 2008
 - Public participation – workshops/open houses
 - Intensify focus on SMP through 2010
 - State requires update of SMP by 2011

- **Co-Chair Comments and Election**

Philip Coughlan and Louise Bray were previously nominated for a one-year term to the open co-chair position. Mr. Coughlan presented his commentary to members; Ms. Bray will be asked to provide her commentary to members via e-mail. Election for the new co-chair will be held at the April meeting.

- **Education and Outreach Updates**

Information was shared on the outcome of the two previously held subcommittee meetings: “Speakers Series & Outreach Events” and “Small Grant Program & Event Sponsorship. Suggestion was made to model the STC grant program after the City’s Make-a-Splash program. Members will also be contacting the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation to obtain information on their successful small grant program. Comment was given to forming a subcommittee to interact with the nine neighborhood councils and various community groups. The following upcoming events were discussed:

 - *UW Speakers Series on the New Green Economy* – April 2
 - *Green Scene* – April 20

- **Two-Year Climate Action Plan**

Members reviewed and discussed the progress to-date on the 2-year Climate Action Plan. The Plan was updated on March 1. Future updated versions will be posted to the website.

- **Staff Report**
 - Request went out for STC volunteers to staff a booth at PLU’s Sustainability Summit – March 13.
 - LEED Certification Subcommittee will be formed (Philip, Dale, Ken, Lisa, Kristi)

- **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

- **Objectives for Next Meeting**
 - STC co-chair election

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Room 16.