



MINUTES

MEETING: Regular Meeting
TIME: Wednesday, September 18th, 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Room 537, Tacoma Municipal Building
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

PRESENT: Michael Hutchinson, Judi Hyman, Yoshi Kumara, Justin Leighton, Jane Ann Moore, Jacki Skaught, Andrew Strobel, John Thurlow, Kristina Walker

ABSENT: None

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. QUORUM CALL

C. WELCOME

Introductory Remarks

Council Members Boe - Council Member Boe gave a PowerPoint presentation on a historical overview of the City of Tacoma Master Plans including the Olmstead Plan, 1943, which was a Super Master Plan completed during a World War.

Kurtis Kingsolver, Public Works, gave his introductory remarks and reviewed his roles and responsibilities and thanked the Transportation Commission for volunteering their time for this newly formed Council Standing Committee.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Swearing In

The City Clerk led the Swearing In of the Commission members explaining that City Charter 6.18 required take an oath of office this for citizens providing advice on City matters.

2. Introductions

All in attendance introduced themselves. The Transportation Committee members also provided self-introductions and offered background information on about where in the City they live and overall transportation interests.

Jacki Skaught - She stated that she volunteers at the City and works at the State Public Works Board. Transportation issues that are important to her include that the system be planned for all modes. Transportation investments are necessary for economic development/competitiveness.



She recognized that the Port is the economic engine for the area. Environmental sustainability is also important.

Andrew Strobel - He indicated that he lives in 1st District and works for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, but he is not representing the Tribe on the Commission. He said he wants to plan to alleviate traffic/congestion problems.

John Thurlow - He stated that he is involved in the Northeast Tacoma neighborhood Council. He indicated that he is concerned about unpaved streets and streets without sidewalks. He has served on two task forces and has learned a lot about transportation issues in the City. He is one of the City Manager appointed Commissioners.

Kristina Walker - She stated that she is with Downtown on the Go, which provides commute options. She said that she personally uses alternative modes such as bike, bus, walking and an auto. She is interested in equity and how all people can get involved and access to all modes.

Mike Hutchinson - He stated that he works at Geo Engineers and prior to that at WSDOT. He is interested in how engineering, a rating system, and accountability are integrated into the TMP plan process.

Judi Hyman - She disclosed that she is on the parking task force and is interested in what city will look like in 30 years.

Yoshi Kumara - She disclosed that she is a legislative assistant and was concerned that as Tacoma grows the outlying areas don't get left behind.

Justin Leighton - He stated he works at Pierce Transit and is interested in seeing more sidewalks improvements. He also would like to see a transportation system that is sustainable and productive.

Jane Ann Moore - She stated that she is a longtime Tacoma resident and is interested in the transportation systems' effect on health. Being physically active is one of the best ways to stay healthy. She also indicated that traffic safety is important as is clean air.

3. Commission Profile

Jennifer Kammerzell, Engineering Division, presented Resolution No. 38669 that gives the Commission the authority to advise on a broad range of transportation issues.

Roles and Responsibilities and Forming Work Plan Groups – this was moved to the end of the meeting, form Work Plan Group.

4. Rules of Order / Meeting Management

This item was moved to the next meeting.

5. Future Meetings

A discussion ensued about the time and day that work best for the Committee to meet.

It was decided that the third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. would be the meeting date/time. It was also decided that, on occasion, the Commission could have a special meeting to address transportation issues/items, as needed.

A new room was recommended and the 9th floor conference room was offered as a more suitable room to meet in.

6. Elections

Roles of the Chair and Vice-Chair were discussed. The Chair runs the meetings and sets the agenda. The Vice-Chair – steps in if chair is absent and oversees the meeting.

Commissioner Leighton and Commissioner Moore expressed interest in the roles. After decision it was decided that they would co-chair the Committee. Commissioner Hutchison moved to recommend approval of the Committee being co-chaired by Commissioner Leighton and Commissioner Moore. Commissioner Hyman second the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

E. COMMUNICATION ITEMS & OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was discussed that two vacancies remain on the Commission, one from District 4 and one appointed.
2. The Commission was informed about the Statewide Transportation Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Evergreen Tacoma Campus, Lyceum Hall, 1210 6th Ave., Tacoma, WA 98405, from 6:00 – 9:00pm
3. Potential agenda items for the October 16, 2013 meeting include: Legal bylaws, a Commission Work Plan, and a Transportation Master Plan introduction presentation.
4. Working Groups
 - The Bylaws and Work Plan Working Groups were formed. The Bylaws Working Group includes Co-Chair Leighton, and Commissioners Kumara and Thurlow. This group will work on draft bylaws to be presented for approval at the next meeting.
 - The Work Plan Working Group includes Co-Chair Moore, Co-Chair Leighton, and Commissioner Strobel. This group will work on a draft work plan for remaining 2013 and 2014 to be presented for approval at the next meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.