City of Tacoma
Sustainable Tacoma Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: July 17, 2018

Commission Members Present: JC Rubi, Jade Monroe, Chrissy Cooley, Sheree Cooks, Kenny Coble, Matthew Benedict, Chris Karnes, Todd Hays, Lexi Brewer

Commission Members Excused: None

Commission MembersAbsent: None

Others Present: Erica Tucci, Patrick Babbitt, Michael Carey, Jim Parvey

Call to Order
This meeting was called to order by Lexi Brewer at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of June 2018 Meeting Minutes

Review of Agenda

Urban Forestry Presentation and Discussion — Mike Carey, Urban Forster, shared the benefits of trees, gave an assessment and benchmarking of the City’s efforts, and provided an overview of potential next steps for tree preservation and expansion.

Sustainability Small Grant, Quarter 2 Review
- Unanimous vote to award $500 to the Lincoln Community Garden for irrigation
- Unanimous vote to award $5,000 to the Hilltop Sequoia Grove. Members did want to have the applicant check to see if they could borrow tools instead of purchase.
- All yea, except for Chris Karnes who voted no, to award $3,926 to the UWT Recycle project. Members did not want to fund the companion piece. They also recommended to check with Solid Waste staff on more economical bin selection.
- Unanimous vote to not fund the Lemay Marymount Trailer
- Unanimous vote for partial funding (no applicant wage and reduction in lunch expenses) for the Womens Sustainability Conference

Staff Updates – Kristin Lynett, OEPS
An Electric vehicle ride and drive will take place on July 21st at the Lemay Care Museum. A new Events, Communication and Outreach Specialist will be onboard on August 20th. A new STC member orientation will be scheduled prior to our next meeting.
Public Comment
None.

Objectives for the Next Meeting
1631 Initiative Overview

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Thursday, August 23, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 243.

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Lexi Brewer, Chair

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Kristin Lynett, Staff