



**City of Tacoma
Sustainable Tacoma Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 27, 2018

Commission Members Present: Jade Monroe, Sheree Cooks, Kenny Coble, Matthew Benedict, Chris Karnes, Todd Hay, Liberty Evans-Agnew, Phil Coughlin

Commission Members Excused: Sheree Cooks, JC Rubi

Commission Members Absent: Lexi Brewer, Emily Pinckney

Others Present: Jim Parvey, Kristin Lynett, Leah Michaelson, Jackie Flowers, Ryan Cox, Ahlmahz Negash, Francine Artis, Steve Bicker, Clark Mather, Glen George, Marian Dacca, Abigail Vanover, Christine Cooley

Emily Pinckney arrived at 4:40 p.m., and Lexi Brewer arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Chris Karnes at 4:35 p.m.

Approval of August 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Seconded by: Matthew Benedict

Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted.

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Review of Agenda

Motion:

Seconded by: Matthew Benedict

Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted.

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Tacoma Public Utilities 101 Presentation – Director Jackie Flowers and Staff

Jackie Flowers, provided information relative to Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), including:

- Background
- Mission
- Services
- Long term perspective
- Approach to the Environmental Action Plan

Various staff members from Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water presented information relative to TPU's programs and services, including:

- Power Integrated Resource Plan
 - What is an Integrated Resource Plan?
 - 2017 conclusions
 - Carbon-free energy
 - Climate change impacts
- 2018-2019 Conservation Plan
 - Guiding principles
 - Conservation as a first resource
 - Commitment to equity
 - New programs
- Water Integrated Resource Plan
 - Why now?
 - Integrated Resource Plan process
 - Tacoma's water resources
 - Forecasting
 - Impacts of climate change
- Water Conservation Programs Overview
 - Conservation plan and goal
 - Historic daily demand
 - Conservation Plan process
 - What's new
 - Proposed goal
 - Next steps
- Utility Bill Assistance Programs
 - Payment assistance programs
 - Bill Credit Assistance Plan
 - How the Bill Credit Assistance Plan works
 - Financial Education Credits

Discussion ensued regarding outreach strategies, climate change, carbon emission offsets, advocating for a Green Building Advocate position with the City, utility bill assistance, collaboration between TPU and General Government, peak reduction, selling renewable energy, and cost effectiveness of programs. Discussion continued regarding excess water storage, income levels used in utility bill assistance programs, support for I-1631 and 100% carbon-free energy generation.

Tideflats Interim Regulations Discussion and Possible Vote on Letter - Chair Lexi Brewer

Lexi Brewer, Chair, briefly discussed potential amendments to the Tideflat Interim Regulations, including a moratorium on expansion of existing uses, requiring a Conditional Use Permit in order to expand, criteria used in CUP approval, amendments to the Land Use Code, and residential input.

Approval of Letter to Council

The letter was approved with minor amendments to be made after this meeting.

Motion: Jade Monroe

Seconded by: Chris Karnes

Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

STC Subcommittee Assignments – Chair Lexi Brewer

Lexi Brewer, Chair, briefly discussed Subcommittee assignments for members of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding requirements for attendance, and process for making comments on behalf of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

Staff Updates –

Kristin Lynett stated she would send an email to set dates for November and December meetings, and also send out the Green Building presentation from the September 26, 2018 Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee meeting. She stated there were several programs that STC members should be promoting, including:

- Tree Coupon program
- Electric car and bicycle discount program
- Lime bicycles and scooters

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Objectives for the Next Meeting

- October: SEIS for LNG, City Manager Budget Review, Public Records Act
- November: Electric Vehicle update

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 243.

Lexi Brewer, Chair

Amanda Punsalan, Staff