



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

Date: October 23, 2018

Commission Members Present: Jade Monroe, Kenny Coble (left after item #1), Matthew Benedict, Chris Karnes, Todd Hay, Phil Coughlin

Commission Members Excused: Sheree Cooks, JC Rubi, Liberty Evans-Agnew, Emily Pinckney

Commission Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kristin Lynett, Leah Michaelson, Jeanne Walter, Martha Lantz (at 5:30), Erica Tucci

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lexi Brewer at 4:35 p.m.

Approval of September 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Phil Coughlin

Seconded by: Jade Monroe

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

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Review of Agenda

Motion: Kenny Coble moved that the letter re: LNG SEIS be moved to first on the agenda.

Seconded by: Phil Coughlin

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

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Agenda Item One

LNG Plant revised SEIS Discussion and Possible Vote on Letter to Council – Todd Hay

Todd Hay, Commissioner, gave an overview of the letter he had distributed to the Commission regarding the revised SEIS for the LNG plant, which had been solicited by PSCAA.

Primary concerns were the use of data from the IPCC's 4th Assessment Report of 2007, rather than the more recent report from 2014. This may not be considered using the "best available science", and result in underreporting the global warming potential (GWP) of GHG emissions, particularly Methane, which is a feedstock for LNG and has a very high GWP. Furthermore, the 100-year lifespan of Methane was used

for calculations rather than a 20-year period, which is a lower number because Methane breaks down at a higher rate earlier in its lifespan. The 100-year span is commonly used for GHG global warming potentials, but 20-year and 500-year data are also available. The LNG plant has cited a 40-year expected lifespan for its facility. Other concerns were the use of the plant for “peak shaving” for electrical demand. A preference for the emphasis on conservation of energy first was expressed. Some of the studies cited were not available publically and one appeared to be misinterpreted. A request to correct/revise the SEIS is put forth in the letter.

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

Agenda Item Two

Sustainability Grants Applications – Chair Lexi Brewer

There were 3 applicants for grant funding; Grit City Coop, The Center for Food Preservation Arts and the Rebuilding Together Puget Sound. All 3 were approved, some with adjustments to requested amounts.

Approval of Sustainability Grants

Motion: Jade Monroe

Seconded by: Chris Karnes

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

Ayes: All

Abstained: Chris Karnes recused himself from the discussion and voting because he is a member of the Board for one of the applicants, Grit City Coop.

1	Center for Food Preservation Arts	Appliance: Community Food Preservation	CFPA would like to buy a chest freezer to help preserve excess food, and to use funds to train volunteers, establish a pantry of frozen produce, and pay for sourcing, preservation, and distribution labor.	\$2,500
2	Grit City Co-Op	Grit City Co-Op Initial Incubation Phase	Grit City Co-Op is requesting funds for the incubation phase of starting their local, member-owned grocery co-operative in the Hilltop neighborhood.	\$5,000
3	Rebuilding Together South Sound	Charlotte's Blueberry Park	An AmeriCorps member with Rebuilding Together South Sound, in partnership with Metro Parks is looking to organize park clean-up events, a Mason Bee house building workshop, signage, and installation of Mason Bee homes in Charlotte's Blueberry Park.	\$3,000

Agenda Item Three

Presentation: Open Meetings, Open Records, Use of Public Facilities and Ethics – Martha Lantz, COT Attorney

Martha Lantz provided an overview of legal requirements for public commissions, as required periodically by State law.

Staff Comments – Kristin Lynett

- The recent IPS meeting had a presentation from PW regarding Green Roads. KL will see about PW and ES coming to present on it.
- There is a CC Study Session coming up on water supply and ADU's.
- There is a possibility of hiring a "project" employee for 2 years to serve as the Green Building Advocate.
- Would like to get a group together to brainstorm ideas for new elements at the Sustainability EXPO.

There are several programs that STC members should be promoting, including:

- Tree Coupon program
- Electric car and bicycle discount program (ends Nov. 30.)
- Lime bicycles and scooters

Commissioner Comments – Chris Karnes

The COT Transportation Commission was recently updated by Pierce Transit about Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Some of the considerations are:

- Curbside or hybrid roadway alternative
- City requesting traffic studies for the alternatives, with a focus on general traffic, not transit
- Off-coach fares
- Raised boarding
- Signal priority

BRT is generally 35% faster than standard bus service. Service could go from 15 to 10-minute frequencies. There could be roughly 4 miles of dedicate ROW on Pacific (38th – 72nd).

Commissioner Comments – Lexi Brewer

- Reminder on the Tideflats Interim Regulations – 1st Reading: Oct. 30, Final Reading: Nov. 6.

Guest Comment

Erica Tucci thanked the Commission for coming to TPU for the overview of their work. Lexi was given a shout-out for sitting on the CLICK! User Board.

Public Comment -- None

Objectives for the Next Meeting(s)

- November 20th: Electric Vehicle update
- December 18th: Stephen Atkinson/Planning re: Tideflats Interim Regulations and Sub-Area Plan

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

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Thursday, November 27th, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 243.

Lexi Brewer, Chair

Jeanne Walter, OEPS staff, note taker