



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

Date: March 20, 2018

Commission Members Present: Todd Hay, Lexi Brewer (late), Sheree Cooks, Jaclyn Layton, Josh Jorgensen, Chris Karnes

Commission Members Excused: Chrissy Cooley, Phil Coughlan

Commission Members Absent:

Others Present: Kristi Lynett, Samantha Lake, Emily Campbell, Olivia Mathieson, Lee Star, Chris Larson, Erika Tucci

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jaclyn Layton at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of February 20th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chris Karnes

Seconded by: Josh Jorgenson

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

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Review of Agenda

Motion: Jaclyn Layton

Seconded by: Chris Karnes

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

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Green Roads Community Presentation - Chris Larson & Olivia Mathison

Chris Larson, with City of Tacoma Engineering, and Olivia Mathison, with Environmental Services, presented on the Green Roads program in the City of Tacoma. The international program awards gold, silver and bronze status to roads built and certified to the program's standards. The City strives for gold status on all new construction, because it intersects with the City's Climate Action Plan, Transportation Plan and required project specs. Certified Green Roads also allow the City to qualify for specific grants.

The City successfully built and certified a Green Road on East 40th St. They will be constructing a new Green Road on East 64th.

Commissioner Todd Hay mentioned that the Green Roads program could expand to the Tacoma Streets Initiative.

Vice Chair Jaclyn Layton asked how they picked roads to become Green Road certified. It was said that the City builds all roads with the environment in mind, but will only pay for certification when it made sense. For instance, a new road may be too small to become certified as a Green Road.

Chair Lexi Brewer asked if there was a progress report on how the concept of Green Roads was taught to new staff. It was said that all staff must follow the Green Roads checklist when creating a design for a capital project. And that all teams on the project review the Green Roads checklist. Soon there will be a website for all building projects within the city, and the public will be able to view the design.

The presenters offered to take the STC to see a Green Road in the summer.

Lee Star shared an update on the City of Tacoma Street Light Replacement Project, and presented the interactive map.

Finalize Tideflats Subarea Plan Letter - Chair Lexi Brewer

Chair Lexi Brewer drafted a letter about the Tideflats Subarea Plan, and the commission decided that the audience of the letter should be Planning Commission and the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee (IPS).

Chair Lexi Brewer and commissioner Todd Hay reiterated the regional effects of the plan, and would like to add more information about the City's Environmental Action Plan, and how climate change would affect the Light Rail extension and tribal fishing rights to the letter.

Motion: Josh Jorgensen moved to approve the letter after the changes to grammar and length; and for City staff member, Kristi Lynett, to send the letter to the Planning Commission and IPS

Seconded by: Chris Karnes

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

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Open Space Annual Amendment Letter

The STC will write a letter in support of the Open Space Annual Amendment. The letter is due April 4th. The letter will emphasize that the City should partner with community partners (EX: Tacoma Metro Parks), for the City to enforce their new policies and codes, to prioritize preserving slope stability, and to move swiftly onto the next phase.

Motion: Todd Hay moved to draft a letter

Seconded by: Jaclyn Layton

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

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Review Draft Environmental Action Plan (EAP) 2nd Annual Progress Report - Emily Campbell, OEPS

Emily Campbell with the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability presented the draft EAP 2nd Annual Report. This report is due by April 25th for the IPS meeting.

The STC wanted to highlight where the City exceeded and did not exceed their goals.

Discuss Possible Mall Subarea Plan Letter

There is a meeting on the 16th and 24th of April about the recent changes of the Mall Subarea Plan. These meetings will be recorded. Chris Karnes and Josh Jorgensen will work on a draft letter to present to the STC.

Subcommittee Updates - Chair Lexi Brewer

Chair Lexi Brewer said that the Planning and Transportation commission would like to create a joint work plan with the STC, and establish two-way communication outside of the public comment section of their meetings.

Staff Updates

Samantha Lake with OEPS asked for the STC to volunteer at the South Sound Sustainability Expo, and for help promoting the Small Sustainability Grant. Kristi Lynett mentioned that OEPS would be highlighting the Green Living Map at the T-Town City Services Expo. Jim Parvey mentioned that there would be a Permit Task Force meeting soon. Erika Tucci with Tacoma Public Utilities told the STC about their involvement in T-Town City Services Expo, and their new due date for a director.

Public Comment

None.

Objectives for the Next Meeting

- Urban Forestry
- Renewable Energy with Puget Sound Energy.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday, April 17th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 243.

Lexi Brewer, Chair

Kristin Lynett, Staff