



CITY OF TACOMA SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

DATE: July 9, 2013

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Cutting, Karen Hamilton, Jane Moore, Ellen Moore, Carol Shiflett, Holly Williams, Dan Dzyacky

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bliss Moore, Phil Coughlan

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Lynett, Hally Bert, Jim Parvey, Bill Smith, Lisa Rennie, Alyssa Illich, Catherine Taylor

▪ **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11, 2013 MEETING NOTES**

The June 11, 2013 meeting notes were approved and adopted.

▪ **REVIEW OF THE JULY AGENDA**

The July agenda was approved.

▪ **DIVERSION OF BUILDING MATERIALS FROM LANDFILLS – REGIONAL MODEL CODE PROPOSAL**

Susan Coffman of Planning Development Services came this past spring and discussed Regional Model Green Codes that several counties have been working on to develop; adopting and approving about 3-4 of them, mostly to do with Plumbing Codes. ES has been exploring this diversion issue as well, and the Commission should ask ES to come back with a plan to divert 10% and present that to IPS.

▪ **FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT PRESENTATION**

The divestment will take away all the cash holdings the City has with fossil fuel companies, along with other socially irresponsible companies. The City needs to research how the \$1.2 billion they have invested for TERS and the Deferred Comp Plan will be impacted. TERS and the Deferred Comp Plan each have a board that approves policy changes. Once a plan is put together, it can be presented to both Boards. More research needs to be done to determine current investments, and an analysis of Seattle's developing plan would be beneficial. The Commission passed the motion to do more research on how the City is currently invested.

▪ **PROPOSAL FOR EXPANSION OF MAKE-A-SPLASH SURFACE WATER GRANTS TO SOLID WASTE AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS**

The Sustainability Small Grant Program existed for the last two years but was not used this last fall due to lack of funding. Currently, the City has approximately \$22,000 and if the Commission could come up with another \$30,000 to \$40,000 the program could run again. The utilities were approached for funding and staff will have a response from TPU within the next month. ES staff proposed that the request be submitted to IPS and potentially be a part of the Make-A-Splash Grants, where the services of this grant program are expanded.

An idea was presented on the Sustainability Small Grant Program to support other currently existing grant programs, since it does not have enough funding to be a grant program on its own. Staff will discuss the idea with the ES Director and how this could work.

▪ **COMMISSION 2013-2014 PRIORITIES DISCUSSION**

The priorities have been reformatted per the request of the Commission. Two more columns will be added: "Current Status" and "IPS Action Needed."

- Climate Change
 - Develop Council Resolution for development of Climate Vulnerability, Risk Assessments by ES and TPU
 - ES is working on the assessment of the three utilities. Discussed if it's necessary to have a resolution to do the assessment, or to do the assessment and then have a resolution to address the issues discovered.
- GHG Inventory (not listed on Priorities)
 - Last one was done in 2007 by Bill Smith, and a 2012 goal was established.
 - An update is being performed using 2012 data and will hopefully be completed by August 28th.
- Land Use and Green Building
 - Participate in Comprehensive Planning Process **by winter 2013/2014**
 - Provide input into Planning and Development's Green Tools Website, **subcommittee to review**
- Transportation
 - Ensure Transportation Master Plan fully encompasses sustainability principles, **RFP is now out to hire consultant**
 - A sustainability criterion needs to be added to the review process.
- Education and Outreach
 - Work with OEPS to develop ghg reduction education campaign.
 - Intern is currently examining the internet for what is currently out there.
 - Develop a subcommittee to review the results.
 - Develop Council Resolution establishing municipal sustainability goals
 - Have an outline by August 28th of potential future resolutions.

For the Comprehensive Plan and the Transportation Master Plan, the Commission should start being more proactive about getting the sustainability portions of these plans improved in the 2014 updates.

▪ **STAFF UPDATES**

Staff will not be getting an AmeriCorps member for Round 2 of the Healthy Homes/Healthy Neighborhoods, Wapato Lake Project. The September program will not be started.

▪ **PUBLIC COMMENT**

An invitation was extended to attend the July 18th Ecodistricts Conference.

▪ **OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING**

- ES can provide an update on potential strategies for reducing construction and demolition debris. Develop draft resolution for diversion goal.
- GHG subcommittee to meet and provide recommendations. Subcommittee was established.

▪ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 3:30 to 5:30 pm, Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Room 16.