



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

Date: January 16, 2018

Commission Members Present: Phil Coughlan, Jaclyn Layton, Josh Jorgenson, Chrissy Cooley, Sheree Cooks, Chris Karnes

Commission Members Excused: Todd Hay, Lexi Brewer

Commission Members Absent: Theda Braddock

Others Present: Kristi Lynett, Samantha Lake, Emily Campbell, Elliot Barnet, Erika Tucci

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Jaclyn Layton at 4:35 p.m.

Approval of December 19th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jaclyn Layton

Seconded by: Chris Karnes

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

Ayes: Phil Coughlan, Josh Jorgenson, Chrissy Colley, Sheree Cooks

Abstained: None

Review of Agenda

Motion: Chris Karnes

Seconded by: Chrissy Cooley

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

Ayes: Phil Coughlan, Josh Jorgenson, Jaclyn Layton, Sheree Cooks

Abstained: None

Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan – Elliott Barnett, Planning and Development Services (PDS)

Elliott Barnett presented the environmental component of the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan. This subarea is the second largest growth center in the Tacoma region. Barnett highlighted plans for green stormwater, streets, tree canopy, parks & open space, walkability, design standards, and transportation & infrastructure plans. Their plans will be taken to the City Council March – May. He encouraged the Commission to write a letter to Council regarding their thoughts on the Plan. Barnett answered questions concerning the zoning of mixed use building, economic development, providing food security, walkability and the proposed new location of the public transit center.

2018 Annual Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code – Elliott Barnett, PDS

Elliott Barnett presented the 2018 annual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code. This included the review of car wash zoning, outdoor tire storage, S. 8th St. zoning, redefining building height regulations in commercial view sensitive districts, open space corridors, additions to the Transportation Master Plan, and general code cleanup. They are currently in the community engagement stage and will present their review and amendments to the City Council in May. Barnett was asked about how the Environmental Action Plan was integrated into the Transportation Master Plan, and he said he could follow up with details.

Open Space Corridor Project – Phase 1 – Elliott Barnett, PDS

Elliott Barnett presented an in-depth review of the Open Space Corridor Project and regulatory code amendments. Barnett highlighted that the City contains 5,350 acres of total open space corridor, and that the additional recommended codes would protect these areas from development. These additional codes would protect sensitive areas, such as wetlands, streams, wildlife and natural forest. It would allow for cluster development in less sensitive areas. He will send the Commission a notice when public comment is being accepted.

Puget Sound Regional Council Regional Draft Transportation Plan Letter – Commissioner Chris Karnes

Commissioner Chris Karnes presented a draft letter addressed to the Puget Sound Regional Council concerning their Regional Draft Transportation Plan. The discussion focused on Pierce Transit's growth. The STC motioned to send the letter to the City of Tacoma Transportation Commission, Pierce Transit and Puget Sound Regional Council, incorporating the edits as discussed.

Motion: Josh Jorgenson

Seconded by: Sheree Cooks

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

Ayes: Phil Coughlan, Jaclyn Layton, Chris Karnes, Chrissy Cooley

Abstained: None

Subcommittee Updates – Vice Chair Jaclyn Layton

The STC used this time to schedule future subcommittee meetings.

Staff Updates

Kristi Lynett updated the STC on the upcoming South Sound Sustainability Expo, promotion of the Sustainability Speaker Series, and recruitment of a Green Building and Preventing Waste Food AmeriCorps positions.

Emily Campbell shared that the sustainability office is hosting a free showing of the movie *Wasted! The Story of Food Waste* at the STAR Center on January 31st.

Erika Tucci reminded the Commission that Tacoma Public Utilities is hiring a new Director.

Public Comment

None.


Objectives for the Next Meeting

- Subcommittee conversations
- Public Works Green Roads presentation
- Solid Waste Sustainable Material Plan Update presentation

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday, March 20th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 243.



Lexi Brewer, Chair



Kristin Lynett, Staff