



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

Date: February 20, 2018

Commission Members Present: Phil Coughlan, Todd Day, Lexi Brewer, Sheree Cooks, Chris Karnes (arrived at 5PM)

Commission Members Excused: Theda Braddock, Jaclyn Layton, Josh Jorgenson, Chrissy Cooley

Commission Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kristi Lynett, Samantha Lake, Emily Campbell, Pat Babbitt

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Chair Lexi Brewer at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of January 16th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

There was not quorum at the time of this motion, and it was revisited once Chris Karnes arrived.

Motion: Phil Coughlan

Seconded by: Todd Hay

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

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Review of Agenda

There was not quorum at the time of this motion.

Motion:

Seconded by:

Action:

Ayes:

Abstained:

Discussion: Environmental Justice in Tacoma - Staff from Citizens for a Healthy Bay

Kenny, with the Citizens for a Healthy Bay, would like to create an advisory board made up of citizens from historically underserved communities, lower income, people of color, and diverse cultural backgrounds to comment on environmental issues and report to the Mayor of the City of Tacoma. This would ensure that these voices are heard and considered when making policy. The Puyallup Watershed initiative would partner with them to create town hall meetings and partnerships with communities of color.

Commissioners mentioned that the Human Rights Commission should be involved.

Discussion: Small Grant and Speaker Series Promotion - Emily Campbell, OEPS

Emily, with the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, asked for questions about the Sustainability Small Grant. Emily presented the Sustainability Speaker Series website on the City of Tacoma website. She also presented the outreach plan for both programs and asked for input.

Eastside Food Innovation District Update - Pat Babbitt, OEPS

Pat, with the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, presented the Eastside Food Innovation project partnering with Liveable City Year (hosted by the University of Washington) and the Office of Equity and Human Rights. The project begins in March and has students research causes of food deserts located in South and East Tacoma. They hope create solutions and policy recommendations to address healthy food access. The final presentation will be held in Tacoma before June.

Pat asked the commission for questions and comments.

South Sound Sustainability Expo Update - Samantha Lake, OEPS

Samantha, with the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, asked the commission for help planning the South Sound Sustainability Expo, for volunteers to lead the STC booth and promote the event.

TideFlats Sub-Area Planning Letter - Chair Lexi Brewer

Chair Lexi would like to write a letter of advocacy to ensure that the TideFlats Sub-Area Plan includes a lens of climate change and sustainability. She will work with the subgroup that met about the PSRC Transportation Draft Plan. This draft letter will be presented at the March meeting.

Permit Task Force and Green Building Letter - Chair Lexi Brewer

Chair Lexi would like to write a letter of advocacy to Council Member McCarthy.

This letter will highlight the opportunity to include green building in the Permit Task Force. Green building is featured in the EAP and is a council priority, and the task force should review the permitting structures and barriers to build green in Tacoma.

Motion: Chris Karnes moves to empower the Chair to draft a letter regarding items above

Seconded by: Todd Hay

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

Ayes: All

Abstained: None

Subcommittee Updates – Chair Lexi Brewer

Chris Karnes will be meeting with the transportation subcommittee and the Chairs of the Transportation Committee on Thursday to share 2018 work priorities.

Jaclyn and Sheree met to design an education and outreach plan.

Staff Updates

Emily Campbell gave an update on the Food Waste Prevention AmeriCorps position. No applicants accepted the position and it was closed.

Public Comment

Community member, Dean, appreciated the commission's work.

Halley, with Downtown on the Go, notified the commission about their Friday Forum Speaker Series, which occurs monthly. The upcoming Forum will be held at the Urban Grace, Downtown Church on 02/23/2018. This Forum will address stormwater pollution and transportation.

Objectives for the Next Meeting


- Green Roads presentation
- Sustainable Material Management presentation
- Environmental Action Plan progress report

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 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