



**City of Tacoma
Sustainable Tacoma Commission
Meeting Notes**

Date: June 13th, 2017

Commission Members Present: Alexandra Brewer, Josh Jorgensen, Jaclyn Layton, Peter Hickman, Chris Karnes, Sheree Cooks

Commission Members Excused: Chrissy Cooley, Philip Coughlan, Alison Baur, Theda Braddock

Others Present: Kristin Lynett, Jim Parvey, Emily Campbell, Adrienne Chaney, Erika Tucci, Chris van Daalen, Sheila Miraflor, Jetta Antonakos

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 pm.

Approval of May 9th Meeting Notes

The May meeting notes were approved with no changes.

Review of May Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Bring Your Own Bag Outreach Overview – Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer

Kristi gave a powerpoint overview of the Bring Your Own Bag outreach training for volunteers to take pledges and give out bags and info at grocery stores. She will send a sign up list of events planned along with instructions for Commissioners and other volunteers to use. She described the collateral that will be provided for each tabling event including: bags, pledge forms, door hangers, shopping lists, FAQs and others.

Commissioners wanted to know what were the questions staff were getting from shoppers and store owners. Emily explained that questions varied per individual store, but that most shoppers want to know where to get the bags.

Environmental Action Plan & Council Engagement – Chair, Lexi Brewer

Lexi discussed the need to have the commissioners reach out to the Council Members as part of the follow up to the EAP update. The Commissioners will need to determine the top 5 EAP priorities including budget items and successes. Staff suggested they

review the November 2016 Council Request as well as the Prioritization List that was already prepared.

Initial requests are as follows:

1. Resource Conservation Manager
2. Green Building Advocate

(for new positions, Jim recommends creation a business case to present as well)

3. T-9 Goal
4. Thanks yous for funding Urban Forestry and Preventing Wasted Food
5. T-3 Complete Streets – to be done as construction occurs and mostly as a reminder that this must be done.
6. Reinstate the Sustainability Small Grant program (staff to send justification to STC for background on this program.)

Several other Goals were reviewed.

C6/7 – Thank Council for the general funds to follow up with objectives determined from the SeaGrant project.

T1 – Electric Vehicles may be good to add

B-10 - in process

T10 – possible policy discussion item

M1 – Needs to be done – Construction and demolition materials management needs a plan with milestones. There will be a regional code construction meeing in July that Jim plans on attending.

M6 – Food Waste – intern will work on a survey to address food waste management of multi-family dwellings. Route supervisors are instructed to educate property managers on site about food waste management. Multiple groups are involved in this.

N4 - Built into Green Roads building codes.

C2 – Tree preservation codes – Bring Urban Forester, Mike Carey to give the Commission an overview of the current codes and the goal to make changes.

A - 4 This goal has community support.

There was a consensus to create a cohesive document that Commissioners can use for talking points and handout to Council members. Tying into other Council goals will be valuable as well. This item will be continued to the July meeting.

EAP Sub Committee Updates

Transportation - Josh is getting Chris up to date on the Transportation Goals. They want to collaborate with the Transportation Commission

Building & Energy - they are currently reviewing the solar presentation.

Air and Healthy Food – this committee wants to get an update on the NOAA study, staff to schedule for next meeting.

Natural Systems – no update, however, Jaclyn wants to be on this committee

There needs to be a matrix of the subcommittees – who is on them and what needs to be filled.

Updates

Lexi thanked Peter for all his years of service and dedication to the Commission – he will be missed!

Jim stated that a new intern coming on board on June 26 to help with outreach.

Lexi would like to organize a formal mixer amongst City commissions so that they can network and share information about projects they are working on and build some collaborations. Staff will reach out to other city commission liaisons about an event like this. These include: Planning, Transportation, Arts, Historic Landmarks, Preservation, Human Services, Human Rights & Disabilities.

Chris Karnes agreed to replace Peter as a liaison to the Planning Commission.

Public Comment Chris van Daalen spoke up about incentives for Green Buildings. He would like the City to reach the Paris accord targets. Buildings can and should easily be able to reduce GHG emissions. He is glad the city is training permit staff on Green Building advocacy. He suggested a collaborative effort with private and city funds to have a display kiosk at the permits center that could be staff with green building advocacy groups.

He also invited everyone to the Northwest Efficiency Alliance event: High Performance Partnerships: Incentives that Accelerate Green Building, Thursday, June 22 from 8:00am – 12:00pm at the Tacoma Power Conference Room, 3628 S 35th St Tacoma. Flyers were pasted out.

He also encouraged the STC to highly consider the Green Building Advocate position when they speak with the Council members.

Objectives for Next Meeting

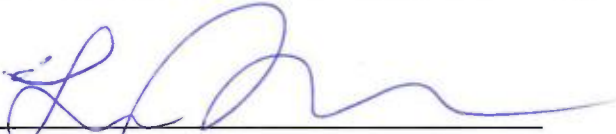
- EAP outreach with Councilmembers - talking points and scheduling

- Write an open letter commending the City Council on joining the Paris Agreement and how the EAP helps support that accord. Lexi will draft the letter.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:32pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday June 13th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street.



Lexi Brewer, Chair



Adrienne Chaney, Sustainability Specialist - AmeriCorps