



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

**Date:** July 11, 2017

**Commission Members Present:** Alexandra Brewer, Josh Jorgensen, Chris Karnes, Sheree Cooks, Chrissy Cooley, Philip Coughlan, Colin McMann, Todd Hay

**Commission Members Absent:** Jaclyn Layton, Theda Braddock

**Others Present:** Kristin Lynett, Jim Parvey, Emily Campbell, Adrienne Chaney, Erika Tucci, Clara Le, Patrick Babbitt, Sheila Miraflor, Elizabeth Torres, Brittany McGrath-Meints, Abdul Yahia, Corey Fraser, Karina Haaseth

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order, by Chrissy Cooley at 3:40 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cooley motioned to approve the notes of the June 13, 2017 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** NA

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

**Ayes:** Jorgensen, Karnes, Cooks, Cooley, Coughlan

**Abstained:** Hay

**Briefing Items**

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

Kristi gave an overview of the outreach being done for the Bring Your Own Bag ordinance. Commissioners were asked to give staff the names of any places where more bags can be given out.

### **Urban Forestry Preservation Codes Presentation – Mike Carey, Urban Forester**

Mike gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Urban Forest Preservation Codes. He pointed out several codes and policies that pertain to public and private trees are conflicting and need to be resolved. Handouts were provided.

- 8.30 – Public Nuisances
- 9.17 – Private Use of Street Right of Way
- 9.18 – Trees & Shrubs – Trimming and Removal
- 9.19 – Trees & Shrubs – Planting
- 9.20 – Trees & Shrubs – View Blockage
- 13.06 – Landscape & Buffering Standards
- 13.13 – Critical Areas Preservation

Discussion followed the presentation regarding the Urban Forest Management Plan that will be developed by Mike and a consultant. The Commissioners will have the opportunity to be involved in the process to help update the codes and policies, possibly the subcommittee for Natural Systems. The Commissioners asked Mike to provide them with the Tree City USA report for 2016.

The meeting was opened for public comment and discussed how the city plans to get from the current the 19% of canopy cover to 30% by 2020. There was also a question of the removal of trees from Annie Wright School and that removing them was legal according to our current codes.

### **Environmental Action Plan, City Council Engagement – Lexi Brewer**

The Commission reviewed the EAP top priorities that they would like to discuss individually with the City Council Members. The list will be narrowed down to the top 5-8 and talking points will be developed with STC staff and chair. The goal will be to start meeting with the Council in August.

Possible EAP targets to discuss:

- A-4 Gleaning
- B-4 Green Building Advocate
- B-11 Resource Conservation Manager
- C2-3 Tree preservation codes
- T-9 Pierce Transit
- M-1 Construction and Demolition
- N-4 in relation to Green Roads implementation
- Small grants funding request
- C6/7 – Thank Council for the general funds to follow up with objectives determined from the SeaGrant project
- T-2 (Thank you)
- T-1 (Thank you)

**EAP Sub Committee Updates** – None were given at this meeting, however the new members need to determine which subcommittee they would like to be on.

- Air and Healthy Food (Lexi & Chrissy)
- Building & Energy (Phil & Josh)
- Climate Resiliency (Phil & Lexi)

Education & Outreach (Sheree & Jaclyn)  
Materials Management (Phil & Chrissy)  
Natural Systems (TBD & TBD)  
Transportation (Josh & Chris)

Commissioners also need to be assigned as liaisons to the following Commissions:

Planning Commission (Chris & TBD)  
Transportation Commission (TBD & TBD)

### **Staff & Commissioner Updates**

Staff asked the Commissioners to attend the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Green Roads Planning Commission update to the City Council.

Councilmember Mello asked that the STC members be engaged in other commission meetings that impact items on the EAP.

Lexi worked the City Clerk's office to host a mixer tentatively on Tuesday, September 5 at 7 Seas Brewery. A formal invitation will be sent out later.

The Commission asked staff to look into the unexcused absence policy for the Commission and bring back an explanation at the next meeting.

The Commissioners were invited to a "Walkability Luncheon" with Mark Benton on Monday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> at First Creek Middle School. Kristi will forward the invitation.

The Commissioners requested that staff look at alternative dates and times for the STC meetings. Staff will send out a request to get the Commissioners availability.


### **Public Comment**

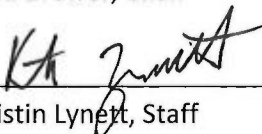
Erika Tucci noted that TPU meeting with their Board on Wednesday, July 12, to discuss low income solar and electric vehicles.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday August 8th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 243.

  
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Lexi Brewer, Chair

  
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Kristin Lynett, Staff