



CITY OF TACOMA SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

Date: July 8, 2014

Commission Members Present: Phil Coughlan, Holly Williams, Chrissy Cooley, Nick Cutting, Alyssa Illich, Ken Campbell, Felicity Devlin

Commission Members Excused: Ellen Moore, Agnes Pate, Karen Hamilton, Sarah Chessman

Others Present: Gary Kato, Jennifer Kammerzell, Jane Moore, Jim Parvey, Kristin Lynett, Lisa Rennie, Catherine Taylor

▪ **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 12, 2014 MEETING NOTES**

The May 12, 2014 meeting notes were approved and adopted.

▪ **REVIEW OF THE JULY AGENDA**

The July agenda was reviewed and approved.

▪ **INTRODUCTIONS – ALL**

Co-Chair Nick Cutting welcomed new STC members Ken Campbell and Felicity Devlin, and asked for self-introductions.

▪ **TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN (TMP) UPDATE – JENNIFER KAMMERZELL, PUBLIC WORKS**

Staff provided a brief update on the City's first Transportation Master Plan, whose role is to help the community consider how well the City transportation systems are functioning and what needs would be required over the next 20 years. Engaged with staff on the Plan is the Transportation Commission consisting of 11 members (citizen volunteers) each bringing their expertise to focus on long-term visions for mobility options throughout the City. The Scope of Work includes:

- Public outreach - farmer's markets, community clean-ups, education institutes, employers, community block parties, community block parties, Ethnic Fest, Out in the Park, etc.
- Focus areas – land use, roadways, transit, non-motorized, Port access
- Goals – coordination (currently with the City's Strategic Vision Process project), mobility for all, social sustainability, programs/strategies
- Performance measures
- Cost estimation / Financial plan
- Plan development
- Transportation model update – existing and future travel demand, transportation planning consistency with comprehensive plan, land use policies, and growth allocations

Next Steps

- Continue with outreach and developing goals
- Quarterly updates to IPS Committee
- Draft TMP by end of 2014

▪ **MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE – GARY KATO, KRISTIN LYNETT AND JEANNE WALTER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Staff introduced members to a preview of the July 9th IPS presentation re: specific elements around Solid Waste as part of the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Plan.

The SSM Plan was passed in May 2014 with the goal to reach 70% waste diversion by 2028. Some of the Plan developments include: 1) standardize data collection and reduction goal calculation; 2) steps to reach the goal; and 3) annual reports to Council

SWMM Plan elements

- Focus on lifecycle thinking (e.g., every other week garbage, glass comingle)
- C&D waste management recommendations
- Strategies for commercial and multi-family recycling
- Reduced consumption strategies (e.g., disposable bags, bottles)
- Minimize upstream impact of materials
- Utilize metrics for population and business activity changes
- Long-term goals beyond 2028

Plan development proposed timelines

- August 2014, issue RFP for study
- January 2015, draft review
- February 2015, check-in with IPS
- May 2015, draft final study

Commercial recycling is currently at 71%; multi-family recycling is the hardest customer base to service (City is active in multi-family work group as part of WA State Recycling Assoc.)

Compact fluorescent lights - product stewardship program begins January 1, 2015 (producer-funded for CFL recycling)

Solid Waste is procuring a vendor to recycle textiles after landfill disposal; before scale drop-off is Goodwill station

Plastic Shopping Bags

- Washington has passed laws in 12 cities and in Thurston County
- Estimated disposable plastic bag usage: 70-100 million/yr.
- Impacts: 1) infrastructure (solid waste stream); 2) Material Recovery Facilities; 3) landscape and marine life; 4) wildlife; and 5) natural resources (natural gas waste or foreign oil)
- Life cycle analysis summary rankings: reusable, plastic, then paper
- Effective strategies for limiting disposable bags: 1) fee on paper and plastic; 2) fee on plastic only; 3) ban plastic/fee on paper; and 4) outreach and education
- Process suggestions: partner with UWT, PLU and UPS to study local impacts; work with stakeholders to develop City-specific policy

▪ **CITY OF TACOMA PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES OVERVIEW – KRISTIN LYNETT**

The City has several public engagement opportunities available to the sustainability community this summer:

- 2015-2016 biennial budget meetings (July 14th – August 7th) [budget input meetings](#)
- Citywide strategic plan and visioning process <http://engagetacoma.mindmixer.com>
- Visioning community workshop on July 30th [Visioning Community Workshop](#)

An entire listing of public engagement opportunities will be emailed to members.

▪ **STAFF UPDATES**

- As part of the Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendment, EV infrastructure for new development went to Council for 1st reading June 24th. Council amended the proposed code to only *encourage* EV infrastructure for multi-family and all commercial businesses. It was left on the table without a vote for Council 2nd reading July 1st but has since been tabled until July 22nd.
- Puget Sound Starts Here is looking to kick-off a Don't Drip & Drive campaign. The program aims to educate drivers about the importance of checking for vehicle leaks and of regular vehicle inspections. With several events planned around the City, the Don't Drip & Drive program offers a way for folks to take their vehicles to a participating repair shop for free leak inspections.

▪ **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

▪ **OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING**

Puget Sound Starts Here (Don't Drip & Drive Campaign)

▪ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 3:30 to 5:30 pm, Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Room 16.