

## PLANNING COMMISSION

### About the Commission

The Planning Commission is a citizen's group established by the City Charter (Section 3.8) to advise the City Council on a broad range of planning issues. The Commission works to ensure that all plans, goals, policies, and development regulations are promoting orderly and coordinated growth and development within the city.

### Duties and Responsibilities

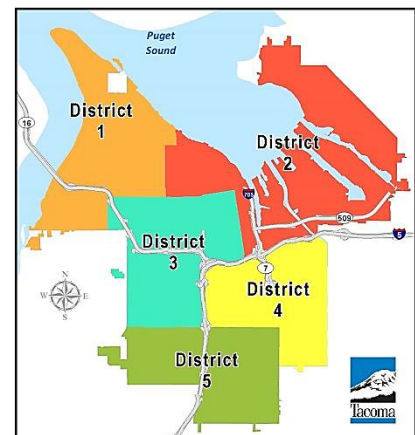
In accordance with Section 13.02.040 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, the Planning Commission:

- Develops and updates the *One Tacoma* Comprehensive Plan and its elements;
- Formulates effective and efficient land use and development regulations and processes that implement the *One Tacoma Plan*; and
- Reviews various planning issues, such as housing, neighborhood planning, subarea plans, urban design, regional and local transportation investments, capital facilities programs, historic district designation, annexation, area-wide rezones, and moratoria or interim regulations.

### Membership

The Planning Commission consists of nine members who are residents of Tacoma, five of them representing the five respective Council Districts and the other four with the background of and involvement in: (a) the development community; (b) the environmental community; (c) public transportation; and (d) architecture, historic preservation and/or urban design. Members are appointed by the City Council based on the recommendation of the Council's Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee. Members serve a 3-year term, without compensation, and may continue to serve if reappointed (no term limit). The Commission selects its chair and vice-chair through an internal, annual election process.

Members (as of 01/04/22)	
Name	Position/Representing
Andrew Strobel, Vice-Chair	District 1
Morgan Dorner	District 2
Brett Santhuff	District 3
Alyssa Torrez	District 4
Robb Krehbiel	District 5
Anthony Steele	Development Community
Brett Marlo	Environmental Community
Christopher Karnes, Chair	Public Transportation
Matthew Martenson	Architecture, Historic Preservation and/or Urban Design



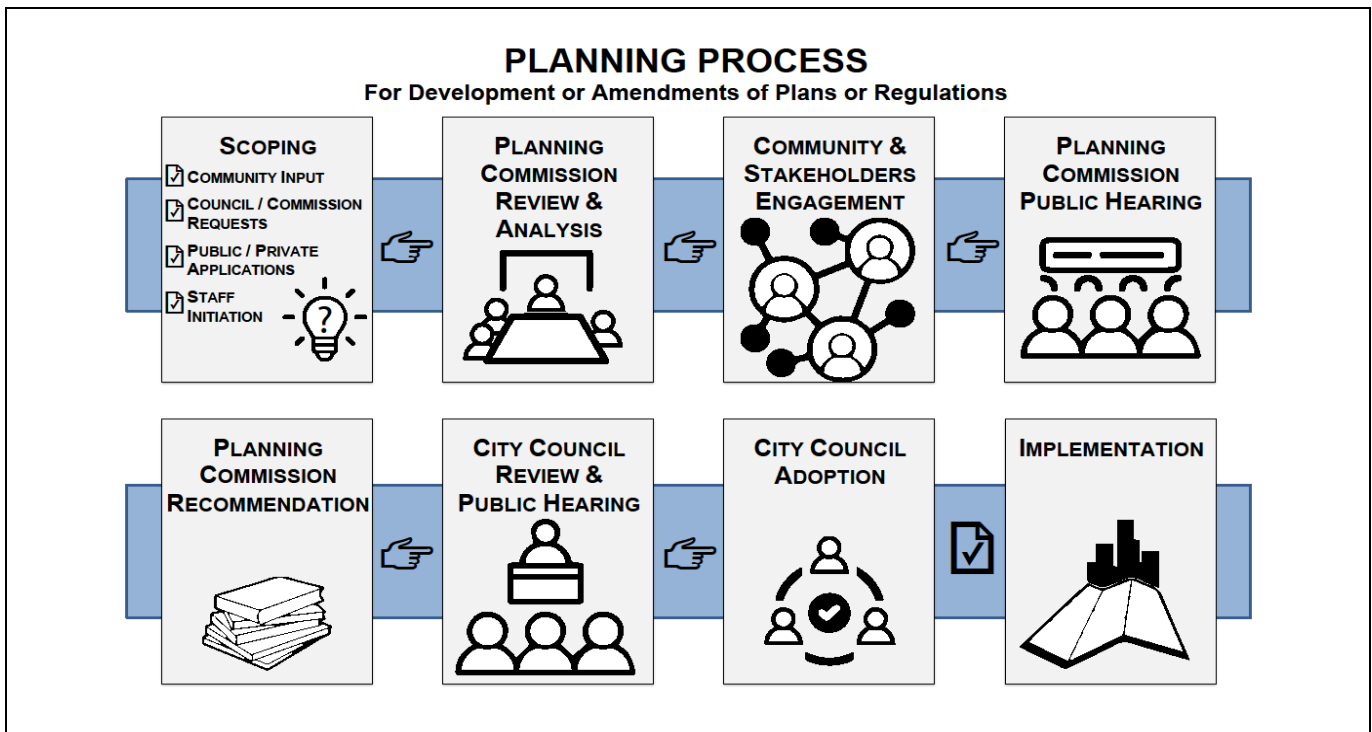
## Meetings

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma. All meetings are open to the public. Meetings are conducted in hybrid format; to attend virtually, please Google search "Tacoma Planning Commission" to find the appropriate link to the meetings.

## Planning Process

The diagram below illustrates the typical planning process undertaken by the Planning Commission. There are multiple stages throughout the process where citizens and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the Commission's deliberations. There are many ways for citizens and stakeholders to get involved, such as:

- Making comments at the Commission's meetings (opportunity to comment subject to change);
- Testifying at scheduled public hearings;
- Visiting the Planning Services Division's homepage at [cityoftacoma.org/planning](http://cityoftacoma.org/planning) to find out more about the various planning projects the Commission works on; and/or
- Sending inquiries to [planning@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:planning@cityoftacoma.org).



## How to Apply

If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, you may file an application with the City Clerk's Office any time. As vacancies become available, the City Clerk's Office may contact eligible applicants for an interview with the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee. To file an application, please visit the City's website for Committees, Boards and Commissions (CBCs) at [cityoftacoma.org/CBC](http://cityoftacoma.org/CBC) and click on "How to Apply."

## Staff Support

Planning Commission staff support is provided by the Planning Services Division of the Planning and Development Services Department. For more information, please contact the following staff:

- Mary Crabtree, Administrative Assistant, [mcrabtree@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:mcrabtree@cityoftacoma.org), or (253) 591-2051; or
- Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, [satkinson@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:satkinson@cityoftacoma.org), or (253) 905-4145.