

CITY OF TACOMA SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING

DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

To comply with Governor Jay Inslee's <u>Proclamation 20-28.15</u> in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will not be conducted in-person. The meeting can be attended remotely using the following information:

Meeting phone line: (253) 215-8782

Meeting hyperlink: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/i/84328083947?pwd=YXo2N1dURXJhRkxpSHNMMnZhRTIGQT09</u> Meeting ID: 843-2808-3947

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Microphones will be muted and cameras turned off for all meeting participants, except for the Commissioners and staff presenters. Public comments will be accepted in meeting during the time set aside by the agenda. In addition, the Commission encourages community members to submit written comments prior to the meeting by 4:00 p.m. on July 15th. Please e-mail your comments to <u>PBabbitt@cityoftacoma.org</u>, put in the subject line "STC Meeting 7/15/21", and clearly indicate which agenda item(s), if any, you are addressing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVE JULY 15 AGENDA AND JUNE 17 MINUTES
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. STAFF UPDATES
- V. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES
- VI. TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY SOLID & HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION
- VII. SUSTAINABILITY SMALL GRANTS APPLICATIONS REVIEW & AWARDS
- VIII. HOME IN TACOMA PROJECT RECOMMENDATION LETTER
- IX. TOP 5 CLIMATE ACTIONS LIST PRESENTATION
- X. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- XI. OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

Sustainable Tacoma Commission

STC Meeting – July 15, 2021

Lewis Griffith, Division Manager, Solid Waste Management







TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN



PRELIMINARY DRAFT

SHWMP contents

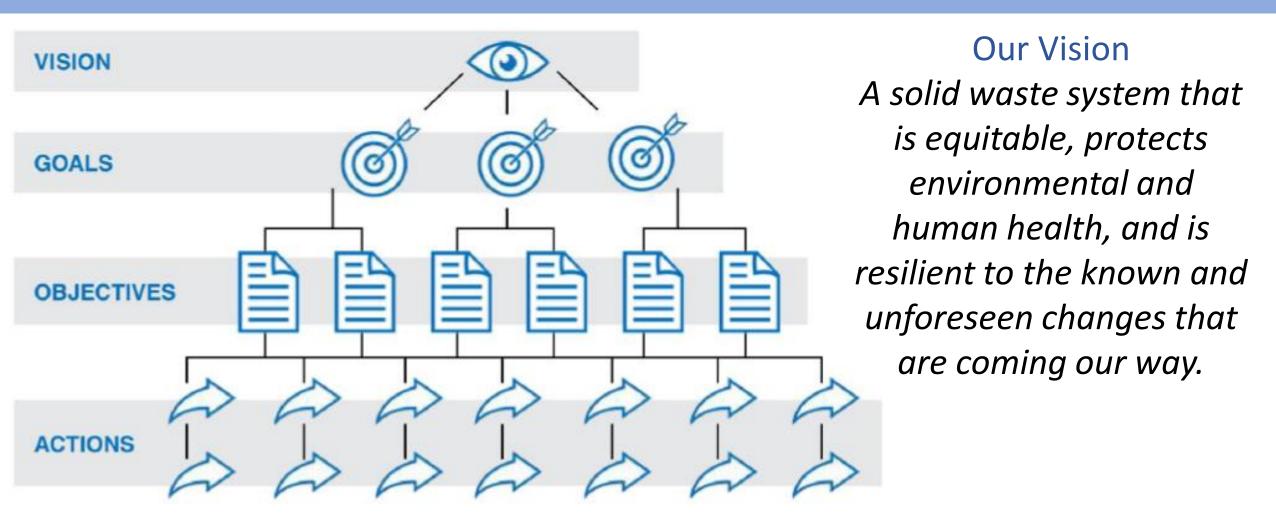


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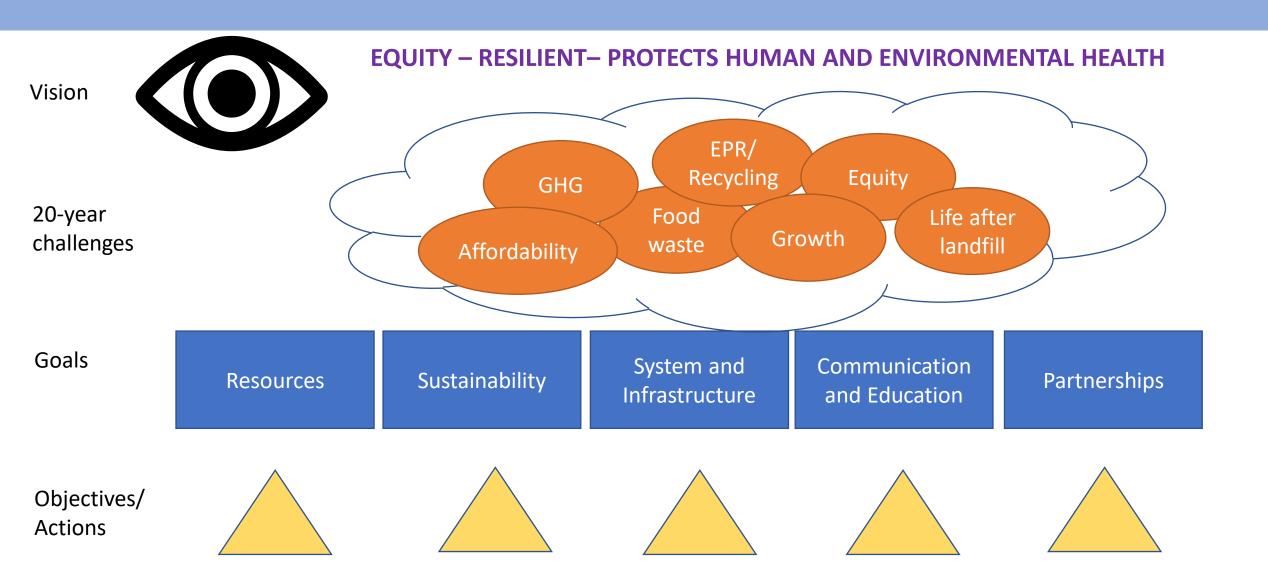
Introduction





SHWMP Update: plan framework









Sustainability: Implement economically feasible and sustainable waste management practices.

<u>**Resources</u>**: Identify fiscally responsible, self-sustaining funding and other resources for an integrated SHWM system.</u>

<u>Communication and Education</u>: Empower communities to help transform our solid and hazardous waste management system through inclusive collaboration, accessible communication and meaningful education.

<u>Partnerships</u>: Foster strong working relationships among the agencies and partners responsible for managing the solid and hazardous waste system.

System and Infrastructure: Provide the infrastructure and other resources to meet our growing solid waste needs.

Objectives



Goal

<u>Sustainability Goal</u>: Implement economically feasible and sustainable waste management practices.

S1: Reduce waste and improve recycling effectiveness.

Objectives

S2: Protect the environment and human health by reducing GHG emissions and delivering solid waste services.

S3: Make the solid and hazardous waste system more accessible and equitable for all Pierce County customers.

Sustainability-focused actions

Objective S1- Reduce waste and improve recycling effectiveness

- Support and promote industrial symbiosis (waste produced from one industry as raw materials can be used in another industry) efforts throughout Pierce County.
- Implement the Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan



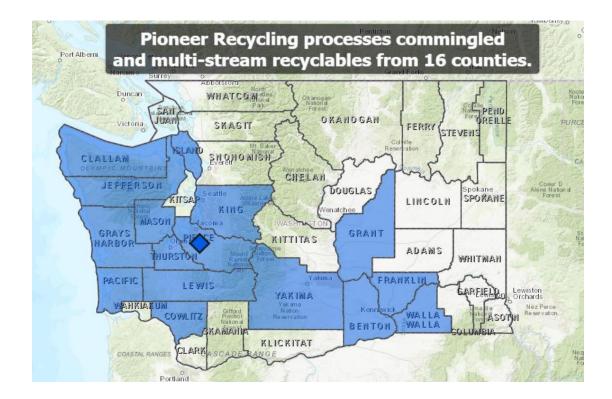
A CROP must include:

- 1. List of actions to reduce contamination
- 2. List of key contaminants
- 3. Discussion on problem contaminants and their impact on the system
- 4. Analysis of costs and other impacts
- 5. Implementation schedule



RCW 70A.205.045(10): "Counties with a population of more than 25,000, and cities within these counties with independent Solid Waste Management Plans must include a CROP in their local SWMP. Local governments can either adopt the State CROP or create their own."









Key Contaminants



Contamination Reduction & Outreach Plan System Impacts



Slows down sorting and processing which leads to financial loss

> Costly shutdowns to repair equipment damaged by contaminants

Dangerous contaminants can injure employees (batteries, needles)

> Paying to dispose of successfully removed contaminants



"Tanglers" like plastic bags and film can damage equipment and take time to safely remove.



Current CROP Efforts

Visual, easy-to-understand signage using photos and universal pictures and symbols





Social media posts, campaigns, mailings, brochures, and other communications School presentations and activities focused on recycling right

Residential Recycling Guide



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Translation and transcreation of educational materials and campaigns to ensure recycling information is clearly understood by all audiences

Sustainability-focused actions

Objective S2- Protect the environment and human health by reducing GHG emissions and delivering solid waste services

- Support legislation at the state-level (e.g., legislative agenda for council) that promotes packaging with the lowest lifecycle GHG emissions.
- Develop new metrics by 2025 that prioritize GHG emissions reduction rather than diversion tonnage (recycling diverted from the waste stream going to the landfill).
- Maximize the amount of GHG captured at the 304th St landfill.
- Promote salvage, reuse, and recycling of construction and demolition debris (major contributor to GHG emissions in the solid waste management system).
- Develop a plan (including what should be done and an implementation timeline) by 2025 for lowest GHG collection, disposal, and transport of MSW in collaboration with contract partners.

Sustainability-focused actions

Objective S3 - Make the solid and hazardous waste system more equitable and accessible for all Pierce County customers

- Survey MRW customers and businesses on service and service needs.
- Review scope and scale of regional MRW programs and services.
- Ensure annual waste trends analysis identifies and classifies MRW making it to landfill.
- Actively promote EPR programs at MRW facilities.
- Develop, recommend, and promote a discounted garbage rate or a more equitable community cleanup program by 2022.
- Research community needs, conduct policy analysis and report findings to inform a recommendation for level of service ordinance for multi-family residences by 2023.

Questions?

- Gairwaterland.com

Sustainability Grant Scoring Sheet

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57	Waste	Waste Reduction by Supporting the Local Repair Economy	Enhance new repair aconomy interactive website by adding more Tacoma repair businesses, add 4 story videos about Tacoma repair businesses, conduct local social media campaign to promote praining and repair businesses. Builds on WA Comerce funding. Webpage: www.repaireconomywa.org. Leverages 224,000 in WA Commerce fundis, \$10,000 in Seattle Public Utilities funds, and a Google grant. StoO from SPUg rant is a match; \$0,000 grant request; \$5,600 price total.				Solid Waste benefit: waste reduction by encouraging repair of items, promoting waste reduction/repair resources, like Tacoma Tool Library. Promotes stewardship, raises awareness of local resources and businesses						Solid Waste benefit: waste reduction by encouraging repair of items, promoting waste reduction/repair resources, like Tacoma Tool Library. Promotes stewardship, raises awareness of local resources and businesses					
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July 26, 2021

TO: Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

RE: The Home in Tacoma Project

Dear Chair McCarthy and Committee Members of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee,

The Sustainable Tacoma Commission was created by the City Council to advise councilmembers and staff on sustainability initiatives, as well as bring community accountability, transparency, and vigilance to the long-term implementation of Tacoma's Environmental Action Plan and other sustainability policies.

With that in mind, the STC is writing to ask for your resounding support, with the inclusion of a few suggested provisions, of the proposed Home in Tacoma Project. This project not only recognizes and addresses the City's affordable housing crisis, it also offers a comprehensive, inclusive, forward-looking policy that would increase housing supply, affordability and choice for current and future residents¹.

Multiple² studies³ have shown an increasingly inextricable link between housing policy and climate policy. Notably, these studies⁴ found that residential developments can be a key area for carbon reductions.

According to the 2019 GHG inventory, transportation is responsible for approximately 44% of Tacoma's emissions, and residential and commercial buildings are responsible for 19%. In addition to addressing our housing needs, the Home in Tacoma project's plan to increase density also represents a climate-forward approach that will dramatically tackle the main sources of the City's carbon emissions.

Home in Tacoma will greatly improve the quality of life for our residents. Not only will it reduce rents and increase housing affordability for cost-burdened Tacomans, it also proposes inclusionary zoning requirements that will ensure the benefits of the city's growth are evenly shared with our most vulnerable neighbors. Regarding sustainability, increased density along transit lines and more walkable neighborhoods, paired with green, resilient commercial and residential development buildings, will lead to a more sustainable and healthier Tacoma.

To make the project even stronger and align it with the requests from many members of our community, we are asking for the following revisions to the proposal. These include:

- Place a stronger emphasis on anti-displacement policy. This should be a priority for the City going forward, to ensure that as we increase housing supply through infill, that we are also addressing the potential for long-time residents of Tacoma being displaced by rising housing costs.
- Review parking requirements to consider if eliminating them would lead to real tree preservation and/or preserve plantable areas. According to the City of Tacoma's Urban Forest Management Plan

¹ <u>Home in Tacoma Project</u>

² <u>Residential Energy Efficiency is Largest Source of CO2 Reduction Potential</u>

³ <u>A Life Cycle Approach to Prioritizing Methods of Preventing Waste from the Residential Construction Sector in the State of Oregon</u>

⁴ <u>Right Type, Right Place: Assessing the Environmental and Economic Impacts of Infill Residential Development</u> <u>through 2030</u>

Analysis⁵, 57% of Tacoma's plantable areas are in single family residential zoning. To grow our tree canopy and ensure that every neighborhood benefits from trees, we should ensure that we don't pit parking against trees, and strive to preserve not just existing trees during infill development, but also the ability to plant more trees through preserving permeable surfaces, particularly in the ROW. Portland, OR has model code that the City of Tacoma could look at.

• Adopt inclusionary zoning, or other incentive structures within this effort to fortify the City's Housing Trust Fund, to ensure that it can fund affordable and social housing development.

We also ask the City to examine other policies in tandem with Home in Tacoma, which include:

- Eliminate the 8-Year Multifamily Property Tax Exemption. The largest need in our current housing stock is affordable housing, and eliminating the 8-year MFTE would expand the use of the 12-year MFTE, which has an affordability requirement.
- Support and invest in local and regional transit, including car sharing. This could look like encouraging Pierce Transit to leverage its taxing authority to fund a large increase in transit prevalence and frequency. Long-term, the City of Tacoma and other local public agencies like Pierce Transit should lobby the Washington Legislature to change state laws to enable progressive funding authorities for local transit agencies.
- **Review short-term rental code in the near future.** The City should review short-term rental codes to ensure that it is consistent with the goals of Home in Tacoma.
- **Review tree preservation codes in the near future**, to mitigate any potential tree loss due to increased development.

The Home in Tacoma Project would be a giant step toward addressing the existential challenge of the climate crisis and mitigating its worst impacts to our area. Infill housing is widely recognized as a cost-effective way to begin the transition towards a green economy that centered around clean and livable communities.

It is a matter of justice, equity, and affordability to invest in dense and diverse neighborhoods throughout the city, not just in certain enclaves.

Through your support of this important initiative, our City will be able to create inclusive, welcoming, and thriving neighborhoods that are sustainable and resilient.

Sincerely,

Lexi Brewer Chair, Sustainable Tacoma Commission

⁵ <u>2019 Tacoma Urban Forest Management Plan Phase 1 Research Summary</u>, Appendix D. 2018 Tacoma Tree Canopy Assessment

CC: City of Tacoma Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager Michael P. Slevin III, Environmental Services Department Director Peter Huffman, Planning and Development Services Department Director Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works Lihuang Wung, Planning and Development Services Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office Note: Staff are providing this list to City Council at their request based on potential one-time funding projects within the City's control that address gaps, priorities, and a mix of program areas.

Top 5 Climate Projects with highest potential impact

1. **Multifamily Resiliency Retrofit Program**: Provide pilot retrofit accelerator for up to 20 low-tomoderate income multifamily properties (that represent a variety of building types/sizes) through partnership with TPU and contractor (like non-profit Emerald Green Cities) to renew buildings to be more efficient, lower carbon, healthy and safe. This pilot assumes 10% cost share by property owner and limited financial assistance through weatherization, utility and other programs (like C-PACER). This pilot data could then be extrapolated to the larger Tacoma multifamily housing market to plan for a more comprehensive retrofitting program, including workforce development training to meet demand.

Cost: \$1,000,000-\$2,000,000

2. Existing Single Family Retrofit Loan Program: Establish loan loss reserve fund to assist existing single family homeowners convert their homes to clean electricity and make them more efficient and safe. This program would include assistance for improved weatherization and insulation as well. Work with lending organization and Tacoma Power to maximize coordination. Currently, no incentives or low interest loans are available to assist homeowners in making the switch, therefore most homeowners with natural gas stick with that existing energy source.

Cost: \$1,000,000-\$2,000,000

3. Heat Island Tree Planting: According to the EPA, trees and green spaces can dramatically lower peak summertime temperatures by as much as 2 - 9°F. An analysis of Tacoma's urban heat islands found neighborhoods in Central and South Tacoma (with low tree canopy) may be as much as 14°F hotter than neighborhoods in North Tacoma (with high tree canopy) during a heatwave.

The public health burden of urban heat islands is disproportionately felt by the lowest income households. Trees are the most cost effective way to mitigate environmental justice disparities in Tacoma's low opportunity neighborhoods. Strategic placement of trees can support public health and contribute to lower household energy costs.

Cost: \$500,000 for about 2,000 trees in priority neighborhoods

4. Active Transportation Connections to Transit: A Street Bicycle Boulevard: Pierce Transit, Sound Transit, and the Federal Transit Administration are investing approximately \$170 million dollars in Tacoma's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system along Pacific Avenue. The A Street bicycle boulevard between S 37th and S 96th St will leverage these investments by making it safer and easier to walk and roll and ride a bike to access BRT. With traffic calming and improved crossings, this project will also ensure A Street does not become a cut-through route for high-speed vehicular traffic, improving safety and helping Tacoma reach our Vision Zero goals. This

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project will fund design and key project elements, and set the City up for future funding opportunities. According to Pierce Transit's 2017 customer survey, 60% of riders do not have a driver's license, 40% of riders are people of color, and 60% have annual incomes of less than \$25,000. In 2019, 44% of Tacoma's GHG emissions were from transportation. Investments in active transportation connections to transit are win-win solutions and are essential to meet our community's equity, safety, access, and sustainability goals.

Cost: \$1,000,000-\$2,000,000

5. Shoreline and tideflats climate preparedness planning and coordination: Build upon existing assessment to work with networks and organizations to a) create and support Sustainable Industrial and Manufacturing Collaborative/Roundtable to assist in development of low carbon transition opportunities for existing businesses including funding, incentives, technical assistance, and education including new fuels and technology. Additionally, work with partners to develop a Sustainable Business and Jobs Plan that identifies conditions and actions needed to support innovative sectors including new fuels and technology, low carbon building materials, and circular economy markets, and b) work with existing Climate Adaptation Stakeholder Team to jointly develop a Sea Level Rise Master Plan and monitoring program that identifies site specific risks and vulnerability and provides suggested mitigation and adaptation sequencing recommendations.

Cost: \$250,000

- 6. Increase healthy, local food partnerships and access \$200,000
- 7. Municipal Facility efficiency and fuel switching grant match funding $\$500,\!000$
- 8. Community based food waste prevention and rescue opportunities \$150,000



City of Tacoma Sustainable Tacoma Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15, 2021

Commission Members Present:

Margaret Schwertner, Lexi Brewer (Chair), Matthew Benedict (Vice-Chair), Tony Ivey, Ashley Sloan (leaves 7:00pm), Evlondo Cooper, Elly Claus-McGahan (leaves 7:00pm)

Commission Members Excused:

Grace Hope, Katin Kendrena, Adam Reichenberger, Nikie Walters

Commission Members Absent:

Emily Pinckney, Gabe Moaalii

Others Present:

Commission Support Staff: LaTasha Wortham, James Parvey, Patrick Babbitt (Commission staff liaison)

Guest Presenters: Lewis Griffith from City of Tacoma Solid Waste Utility

Members of the Public: David Thompson, Barbara Menne

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Commission Chairperson Lexi Brewer at 5:05pm, including an acknowledgement of the occupied indigenous lands this Commission conducts its business on. The Chair welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public and shared virtual meeting practices and requirements.

Approval of July 15, 2021, Meeting Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda as written. Motion made by Matthew Benedict. Seconded by: Tony Ivey Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted. Ayes: All Nays: None Abstained: None Abstained: None Absent: Grace Hope, Katin Kendrena, Adam Reichenberger, Nikie Walters, Emily Pinckney, Gabe Moaalii

Approval of June 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Motion: To adopt meeting minutes as written. Motion made by Matthew Benedict. **Seconded by:** Evlondo Cooper **Action:** Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted.

Ayes: All Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Grace Hope, Katin Kendrena, Adam Reichenberger, Nikie Walters, Emily Pinckney, Gabe Moaalii

Public Comment

No public comment was delivered in writing or given in meeting.

Staff Updates

Patrick Babbitt, the Commission's staff liaison, recounted the Sustainable Tacoma Commission's (STC) June meeting activities and then delivered new notices to the Commission. New notices included an update that Commission meetings will remain remote until further notice; a Tacoma Link Light Rail fare input survey organized by Sound Transit is accepting comments through July 25; staff will coordinate recruitment over coming weeks for open Commission positions; and that staff are delivering an annual Commission report to City Council's Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainablity Committee in the next few business days.

Staff thanked Commissioners for their work outside meetings, including subcommittees.

Subcommittee Updates

Patrick updated the Commission that it's Waste Prevention and Recycling Subcommittee initially scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 23 is to be rescheduled based on staff and Commission availability following changes in Commissioner availability. Lexi reported that Tacoma's Tideflats Advisory Committee, which she participates on as a local environmental leader, may seek someone to fill her position while she takes temporary leave. Evlondo communicated interest in coordinating an outreach-focused subcommittee that would support review and implementation of the new climate action plan as it reaches a final draft and potential adoption. Lexi noted that Katin may be interested in an outreach subcommittee. No further updates were provided by Commissioners regarding other subcommittee activities.

Commission Business Items

Tacoma-Pierce County Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Plan – Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Utility, City of Tacoma

Lewis, the division manager for the City's Solid Waste Utility, delivered a presentation regarding the joint city-county plan to coordinate solid and hazardous waste policies and services. The plan is required by the State of Washington to document practices and ensure appropriate planning. A draft of the plan will be publicly available in about a month, when Lewis will work with staff to ensure the Commission has a copy to review. The joint plan envisions "A solid waste system that is equitable, protects environmental and human health, and is resilient to the known and unforeseen changes that are coming our way". The plan considers various 20-year challenges, including greenhouse gas emissions, affordability, food waste, extended producer responsibility and recycling, growth, equity, and services after the landfill is full. To contend with challenges and achieve its vision, the plan has goals related to resource use, sustainability, communication and education, partnerships, and its system and infrastructure. Sustainability goals include reducing waste, improving recycling, protecting environment and human health, reducing toxins, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, delivering solid waste services, and making

services more accessible and equitable for all customers. Notably, the city and county use different materials recovery facilities (MRF) and services, which serve different populations.

Sustainability Small Grants Applications Review – Patrick Babbitt, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS), City of Tacoma

Patrick refreshed Commissioners about the purpose of the Sustainability Small Grants program and the Commission's process in reviewing and awarding grants. He discussed each of the three applications briefly, and then Lexi led the Commission through a detailed consideration of each application. Commissioners discussed the merits of grants one-by-one to determine potential awards in line with rules and available budget.

Small Grants Application Decision – Food is Free Washington "FIG Preserve"

Motion: To award this grant application with full funding (\$4,900) with standard Sustainability Small Grants program requirements. Motion made by Elly Claus-McGahan.

Seconded by: Tony Ivey

Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted. Ayes: All Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Grace Hope, Katin Kendrena, Adam Reichenberger, Nikie Walters, Emily Pinckney, Gabe Moaalii

Small Grants Application Decision – Sandra Ford "Blueberry Park Beautification Project"

Motion: To award this grant application with full funding (\$4,221), with standard program requirements and special stipulations that staff confirm use of adequate matching funds; confirm pet waste stations use will confer surface water benefits and that waste stations are used and maintained beyond the grant; and that someone is responsible to maintain native plants planted through these funds beyond the grant. Motion made by Matthew Benedict. **Seconded by:** Margaret Schwertner

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Grace Hope, Katin Kendrena, Adam Reichenberger, Nikie Walters, Emily Pinckney, Gabe Moaalii

Small Grants Application Decision – Zero Waste Washington "Waste Reduction by Supporting the Local Repair Economy"

Motion: To award this grant application with full funding (\$5,000), with standard program requirements and a special stipulation that grantees seek to include Tacoma community members (such as local businesses, organizers, and activists) in the project wherever possible. Motion made by Tony Ivey. **Seconded by:** Matthew Benedict

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

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Grace Hope, Katin Kendrena, Adam Reichenberger, Nikie Walters, Emily Pinckney, Gabe Moaalii

Home in Tacoma Recommendation Letter – Evlondo Cooper and Lexi Brewer, Sustainable Tacoma Commission

Evlondo and Lexi introduced a draft recommendation letter put together by Evlondo. The letter conveys the Commission's support for the proposed Home in Tacoma project with a few suggested provisions. The project offers a comprehensive, inclusive, forward-looking policy that would increase housing supply, affordability, and choice for current and future residents. This housing policy would be important for positive climate impacts, since housing affects both energy and transportation. Together, the buildings/energy sector and transportation sectors compose about 63% of Tacoma's greenhouse gas emissions. To strengthen the project's policies further, the Commission recommends a stronger emphasis on anti-displacement; review of parking requirements; inclusionary zoning; elimination of the 8-year Multifamily Property Tax Exemption; investments in local and regional transit; review of short-term rental code; and review tree preservation codes. The letter emphasizes that housing policy is at the crossroads of justice, equity, affordability, diversity, transportation, and climate.

Lexi will work with staff to finalize the letter and deliver it to the City Council's Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.

Home in Tacoma Project Letter

Motion: To approve the letter as written with final general edits and formatting to be completed before delivery. Motion made by Margaret Schwertner. Seconded by: Tony Ivey Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted. Ayes: All Nays: None Abstained: None Abstained: None Absent: Grace Hope, Katin Kendrena, Adam Reichenberger, Nikie Walters, Emily Pinckney, Gabe Moaalii

High Impact Climate Actions List – Patrick Babbitt, Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability (OEPS), City of Tacoma

Patrick shared a list of five high-impact climate actions, which was requested by Tacoma City Council during the Commission's meetings with City Council Members and staff over the past few months. Proposed climate actions are limited to those that are a good fit for one-time internal or external funding, are within the influence of the City to complete, and that address key gaps or priorities across a mix of program areas. The five projects are: a cost-share pilot project focused on retrofitting 20 low- to moderate-income multifamily properties; a loan loss reserve fund to assist homeowners to retrofit existing single family properties; a 2,000 tree planting project focused on neighborhoods with heat islands; an A Street Bicycle Boulevard providing active transportation connections to bus rapid transit on Pacific Avenue; and coordination, planning, and monitoring processes to support shoreline and tideflats climate preparedness. Altogether, these projects could cost approximately \$3.75 to \$6.75 million. The proposal will be delivered by staff to Tacoma City Council in business days following this meeting, and staff invite Commissioners to submit comments to staff during this meeting or after in an email format.

During this agenda item, 7:00pm passed and quorum was lost as two Commissioners left at that time.

Public Comment

No public comment was delivered in writing or given in meeting.

Objectives for or before the Next Meeting

- Staff Updates
- Subcommittee Updates
- Climate Action Planning update
- Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment recommendation letter (tentative)
- Environmental Services Department Equitable Engagement Framework (tentative)
- Stormwater Management Plan (tentative)
- Green economy industries presentation (tentative)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 7:05pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held virtually on Thursday, August 19, 2021, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Lexi Brewer, Chair

Patrick Babbitt, Staff / Note Taker