



CITY OF TACOMA

SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION

HYBRID MEETING

DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2023
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

This meeting will be held both virtually and in-person. In person location is the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St, room 248.

Meeting phone line: (253) 215-8782

Meeting hyperlink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84328083947?pwd=YXo2N1dURXJhRkxpSHNMMnZhRTIGQT09>

Meeting ID: 843-2808-3947

Meeting password: 253253

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 October 19th. Please e-mail your comments to lfarmer2@cityoftacoma.org put in the subject line "STC Meeting 10/19/23", and clearly indicate which agenda item(s), if any, you are addressing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & EXTENDED ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVE OCTOBER 19TH AGENDA AND SEPTEMBER 21ST MINUTES
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. STAFF UPDATES
- V. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING
PRESENTATION
- VI. CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT LETTER
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VIII. OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING
- IX. ADJOURNMENT



City of Tacoma Sustainable Tacoma Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: September 21st, 2023

Commission Members Present: Matthew Benedict, Lexi Brewer (in-person), Evlondo Cooper (Co-Chair), Sheena Hewett, Tony Ivey, Casey Twiggs, Adam Reichenberger, Laura Svancarek (in-person), Lowell Wyse (in-person)

Commission Members Excused: Mike Chang, John Doherty, Margaret Schwertner (Co-Chair)

Others Present:

City of Tacoma Commission Support Staff: LaKecia Farmer (in-person), Jim Parvey (online), Kristin Lynett (in-person) Carson Brock (in-person) – all from Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability

Latasha Wortham (in-person), Lis Saunders (in-person), and Christy Hansen (in-person) from Tacoma Public Utilities.

Daniel Corum, Lewis Griffith, Preston Peck, and Phet Sinthavong from Environmental Services.

Call to Order & Roll Call

This meeting was called to order by Commission Co-Chairperson Evlondo Cooper at 5pm, including an acknowledgement of the traditional indigenous lands this Commission conducts its business on. The Chair welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public. Then, Evlondo administered a roll call, where Commissioners acknowledged their attendance.

Unanimous Approval of September 21st, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Unanimous Approval of August 17th 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public Comment

No public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item.

Staff Updates

OEPS Staff gave updates on:

- Discussed new position posting for OEPS Director for next Tuesday and aim to fill the position sometime in November
- City budget request on Monday the 25th with the City Manager
- IPS scheduled to talk about the Tree ordinance
- Updated on status Sustainability Small Grants funding and application openings, TBD when applications will be open again
- Tacoma Tree Foundation has request over 300 trees for McKinley neighborhood
- Urban Forestry Green Tacoma Day October 14th

- New OEPS member Carson Brock (AmeriCorps Sustainability Specialist)

Climate Action Plan Update: Solid Waste – Presentation

Lewis Griffith from ES Solid Waste Management Division gave a presentation on the update of their progress on the CAP in terms of Solid Waste. Lewis discussed commercial and residential self-haul waste increased since 2020 and residential curbside stayed relatively the same. Solid Waste reported on not met targets from 2022 CAP (reported 5.4 pounds/capita of waste generation for 2022 and 4 pounds/capita for 2030). Lewis spoke of other targets that were not met in 2022- metrics tons of Green House Gases diverted materials from Recycling and Recovery Center which was decrease by 60% since 2019 baseline. Lewis highlighted waste measurement doesn't consider waste being dropped off outside of city boundaries. Lewis spoke of action steps, different types of grants for education and outreach, HB 1799 organics collections starting in 2024, and the NW Product Stewardship Council. Final topic discussed conducting a Waste Characterization partnered with Cascadia Consulting.

Solar at Tacoma Power- Presentation

Tacoma Power discussed Solar programs and breakdown, had an overview of net metering, and WSU and RESIP programs. Over the year, Tacoma Power has had over 700 insulations for solar. Tacoma Power highlighted one of their biggest solar challenges: door-to-door solar sales. Tacoma Power stated they do not partner with any solar installers. They explained many door-to-door sales tell homeowners incorrect information about what their bill will look like to help get contract. Evergreen options is a voluntary additional cost that helps non-profits and other businesses install renewable energy. Final selection for this year's grant will be finalized soon.

Public Comment

No further public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item.

Commission Updates

Tentative Objectives for the Next Meeting (October 19th, 2023)

Tribal Coordination

Grants Update

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission unanimous approved an adjourned at 6:45pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held hybrid on Thursday 19th, 2023, at 5:00pm, on zoom and at Tacoma Municipal Building, room 248.

Evlondo Cooper III

Margaret Schwertner

Evlondo Cooper and Margaret Schwertner, Co-Chairs

LaKecia Farmer *Carson Brock*

LaKecia Farmer and Carson Brock, Staff / Note Takers

Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC)

10/19/2023 Hybrid Public Meeting

Welcome

Commissioners

Members of the public

Presenters and staff support:

City of Tacoma, Office of Environment Policy and Sustainability:
LaKecia Farmer, Kristi Lynett, Jim Parvey

Kenny Coble, Strategic Initiatives Program Coord, Media &
Communications Office

Rochelle Gandour-Rood, Tacoma Public Utilities



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Call to Order



Land Acknowledgment

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We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People. The Puyallup people have lived on this land since the beginning of time. They are still here today. They live, work, raise their children, take care of their community, practice their traditional ways and speak the Twulshootseed language – just as their ancestors did.



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Roll Call

Commission Members

Matthew Benedict

Lexi Brewer

Mike Chang

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(Motion)



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9/21/2023 Meeting Minutes Approval

(Motion)



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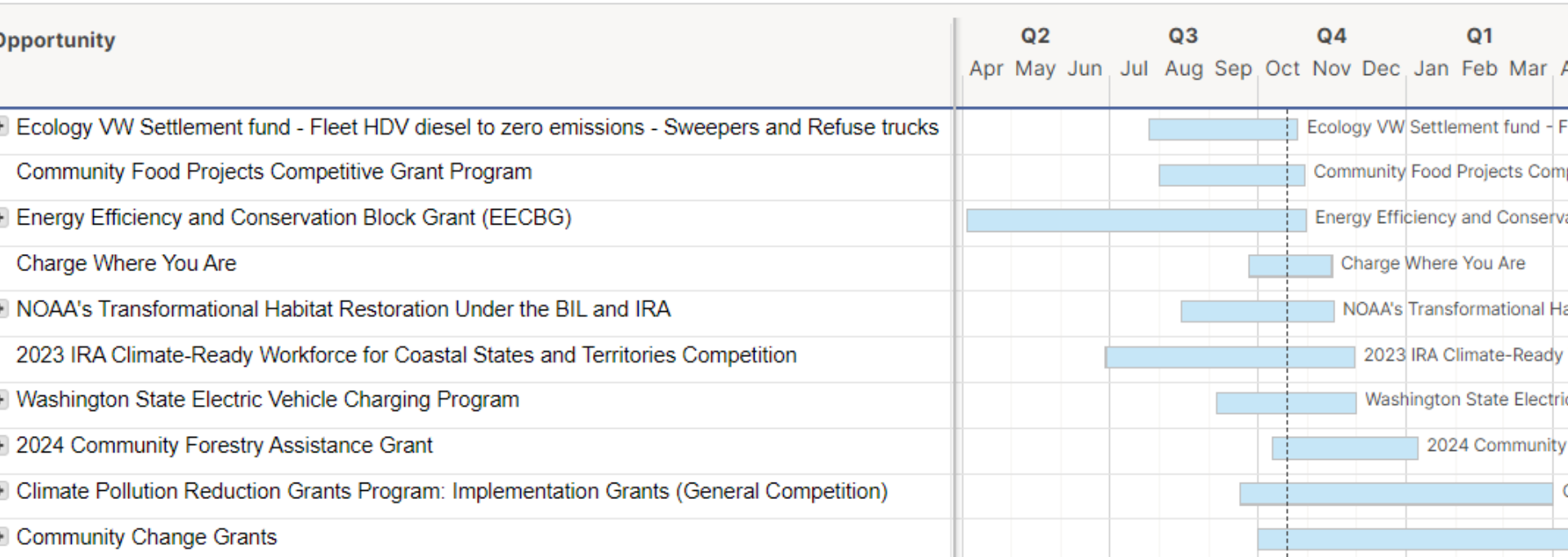
Public Comments



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Staff Updates

- Sustainability Grants



- awarded \$650k from the National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) for shoreline climate resilience and habitat restoration planning
- Urban Forestry Language Justice Pilot at Branch Out, Nov 4th



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Important Dates

- 10/31 City Council Meeting- ROW Codes



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Other Business Items

Participatory Budgeting

Kenny Coble, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator, Media & Communications Office



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Other Business Items

Climate Commitment Act Letter



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Public Comments



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Objectives for Next Meeting (Nov 16)

- December meeting date change

Tentative Meeting items:

- Building Decarbonization updates – municipal and community
- Transportation Master Plan –feedback
- Greenroads



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Adjournment

(Motion)



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