



## MINUTES

(Approved on January 19, 2022)

**MEETING:** Regular Meeting (virtual)

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Anna Petersen (Chair), Christopher Karnes (Vice-Chair), Ryan Givens, Brett Santhuff, Alyssa Torrez

**ABSENT:** Carolyn Edmonds, Andrew Strobel

### **A. Call to Order**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Chair Petersen read the Land Acknowledgement.

### **B. Approval of Agenda**

*Vice-Chair Karnes moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Torrez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **C. Approval of Minutes**

- October 20, 2021
- November 17, 2021

*Commissioner Santhuff moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021, and November 17, 2021, meetings as submitted. Commissioner Torrez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **D. Public Comments**

Chair Petersen reported that no comments were received.

Brian Boudet introduced three new Planning and Development Services employees to the Commission - Susan Johnson, Carl Metz, and Stephen Antupit.

### **E. Disclosure of Contacts**

There were no disclosures of contacts.

### **F. Discussion Items**

#### **1. 2022 Annual Amendment Update**

Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, and Larry Harala, Principal Planner, presented the 2022 Annual Amendment update, including the 2022 amendment docket; the amendment process and timeline; the status of analysis and outreach for the NewCold application, the South Sound Christian Schools application, and the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone application; and next steps.

Commissioners brought up some questions about the South Sound Christian Schools application. Commissioner Santhuff requested information on the right of way that appears to be an incomplete grid between the parcels, the geometries of the parcels, and the natural areas or slopes of the site. Vice-Chair Karnes inquired on how the application interacts with the Home In Tacoma project. Commissioner Givens asked if it is required in the Code to have a traffic study. Chair Petersen requested additional clarification

regarding the traffic study. Mr. Harala provided some clarifications and indicated that staff would provide additional responses at the next meeting in January 2022.

Commissioner Santhuff provided comments on the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone application related to the identified major issues and asked if there are proposed projects or activities within the area that represent a risk or concern. Mr. Wung indicated that what is being proposed is the Work Plan for South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Amendments, which is one component of the City's response to the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone application (the other component being the Potential Economic Green Zone Designation). Once approved by the City Council in June 2022, the Work Plan would be implemented in 2022-2023, and any issues or concerns that Commissioner Santhuff alluded to would be identified and properly addressed during the Work Plan implementation and/or during the phase of the Potential Economic Green Zone Designation (for which the timeline is to be determined), Mr. Wung stated.

## **2. 2021 Year-In-Review and 2022 Outlook**

Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, presented the 2021 year-in-review and 2022 outlook, including the 2021-2023 Planning Commission Work Program which outlines completed projects of 2021, the expected work program for 2022, on-going planning issues, and emerging and deferred issues.

Commissioner Givens stated that he would like to see more forums for community members to speak.

## **G. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)**

*Commissioner Santhuff moved to cancel the January 5, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Torrez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- (1) January 5, 2022 - Cancelled
- (2) Agenda for the January 19, 2022, meeting includes:
  - 2022 Annual Amendment Update
  - Home In Tacoma Update

## **H. Communication Items**

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

- (1) Mr. Wung informed the Commission of the following:
  - The Planning Commission will be accepting applications for Proposed Amendments to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan and/or Land Use Regulatory Code for 2023.
  - The City Council is expected to appoint four individuals on January 4, 2022, to fill the four vacant positions.
  - The City Council adopted a resolution to extend the operation of the Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG).
- (2) Mr. Boudet expressed appreciation for the Commission's hard work over the last year.
- (3) Mr. Wung acknowledged that the meeting will be Commissioner Edmonds's last meeting and expressed appreciation for her service on the Commission.
- (4) Commissioner Givens expressed appreciation for Commissioner Edmond's perspective on the Commission.

## **I. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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