



MINUTES

(Approved on March 1, 2023)

MEETING: Regular Meeting (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair), Andrew Strobel (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dorner, Robb Krehbiel, Brett Marlo, Matthew Martenson, Anthony Steele, Alyssa Torrez

ABSENT: Brett Santhuff

A. Call to Order

Chair Karnes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Chair Karnes read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Strobel moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

There are no meeting minutes to approve.

D. Public Comments

Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, reported that 14 comments were received regarding the College Park Historic Special Review District item.

E. Disclosure of Contacts

Commissioner Steele disclosed that he had contact with Barbara Cordis-Lowe, Jeff Ryan, the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance, and members of the faith-based community regarding College Park.

Chair Karnes disclosed that he also had contact with Barbara Cordis-Lowe regarding College Park.

Commissioner Martenson disclosed that he had contact with Tom Lowe and Barbara Cordis-Lowe regarding College Park.

F. Discussion Items

1. College Park Historic Special Review District

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, outlined the proposed College Park Historic Special Review District, including frequent questions, a recap of previous discussions, the Planning Commission's review, key issues raised during the review, next steps, and guidance requested.

Mr. McKnight facilitated a discussion regarding Commission support of the proposal as recommended by the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), potential amendments to the proposal that would address concerns or improve outcomes, and broader policy issues that should be resolved in future Comprehensive Plan and Regulatory Code updates.

The Commission discussed noncontributing properties, the importance of acknowledging and addressing redlining and housing inequalities, the LPC's recommendation, preservation criteria, City goals for density

and growth, the difficulty of amending the proposal to address critical concerns, and updating policy to address concerns and better navigate future proposals.

Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, provided information on opportunities moving forward and communication with City Council.

G. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the October 19, 2022, (hybrid) meeting includes:

- Urban Design Review Program
- Home In Tacoma Phase 2
- Tideflats Subarea Plan & EIS

(2) Agenda for the November 2, 2022, (hybrid) meeting includes:

- College Park Historic Special Review District
- 2023 Amendment – “Mor Furniture”
- Pacific Avenue Corridor Subarea Plan & EIS (“Picture Pac Ave”)

(3) Agenda for the November 16, 2022, (hybrid) meeting includes:

- South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District – Moratorium and Code Amendments
- Urban Design Review Program
- 2023 Amendment – “Electric Fences”
- 2023 Amendment – “Shipping Containers”

H. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

Brian Boudet informed the Commission of the following:

- The Tideflats Alternatives will go before the City Council on October 18, 2022, for their decision on which alternatives will move forward into the EIS and Plan development process.
- The City Council moved the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District moratorium discussion to the IPS Committee on October 26, 2022.
- Staff will schedule lunch meetings with each Commissioner.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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