



MINUTES

(Approved on September 6, 2023)

MEETING: Regular Meeting (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair), Morgan Dorner, Robb Krehbiel, Matthew Martenson, Jordan Rash, Sandesh Sadalge, Brett Santhuff, Anthony Steele

ABSENT: Brett Marlo

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

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

- April 19, 2023
- May 3, 2023

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve the April 19, and May 3, 2023, meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Public Comments

Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, reported that one written comment was received regarding the vice-chair election.

No individuals addressed the Planning Commission.

Public Comment ended at 5:02 p.m.

E. Disclosure of Contacts and Recusals

There were no disclosures of contacts or recusals.

F. Discussion Items

1. Election of Interim Vice-Chair

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to elect Commissioner Steele as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission through September 2024. Commissioner Dorner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Joint Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Task Force

Atkinson presented background on the establishment of the Joint Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Task Force, including the sunset of the Transit-Oriented Advisory Group (TODAG), Council Resolution No. 41195, and the draft charter.

Chair Karnes and Commissioner Rash expressed interest in serving as a member on the TOD Task Force.

Commissioner Dorner expressed interest in serving as a member or alternate.

Commissioner Santhuff moved to appoint Chair Karnes and Commissioner Rash as members and Commissioner Dorner as an alternate to the TOD Task Force. Commissioner Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Planning Commission Annual Report 2022-2023 and Work Program 2023-2025

Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, outlined the Commission's draft Annual Report for 2022-2023 and Work Program for 2023-2025, including background on the reporting requirement, the reporting schedule, accomplishments, special notes, sources, annual versus off-cycle amendments, the planning and development process, items expected to be completed in 2023, the preliminary work program for 2024, preliminary work program for 2025, and other on-going issues.

The Commission provided feedback and requested clarification regarding more time to deliberate on items, engagement level on permitting, health impact assessments, South Tacoma Economic Green Zone, the next annual amendment package, mid-year check-ins, minor edits in the report, the Facilities Advisory Committee, impact fees, considering streetscapes in important areas, cross-jurisdictional planning around parks and open space, tree preservation requirements, deferred issues, and prioritization of the list.

G. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the August 16, 2023, regular meeting includes:

- Historic District Moratorium
- College Park Historic District Nomination
- Urban Design Review Program Public Hearing
- Home in Tacoma – Phase 2

(2) September 6, 2023 – Potential Cancellation

(3) Agenda for the September 20, 2023, meeting includes:

- Officer Elections
- Home In Tacoma – Phase 2
- Urban Design Review Program – Public Hearing Debrief
- Pacific Avenue Corridor Plan (“Picture Pac Ave”)

Atkinson outlined the tentative schedule and noted that the Commission can decide to cancel the September 6, 2023, meeting or choose to not cancel and shift the agenda items.

Boudet stated that the public hearing on the proposed historic district moratorium will likely occur on September 20, 2023.

The Commission discussed the upcoming schedule, noting the Commission's work program; the College Park historic district nomination; whether the September 6th meeting should be cancelled; and shifting the Chair election, “Picture Pac Ave”, and work program discussions.

H. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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