



City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group

In person meeting location: Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248 (747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402)
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MINUTES January 22, 2024 5:30-7:30 PM

I. Call to order, land acknowledgement

Member Michael Dehner called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we reside 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.

II. Introductions, Icebreaker & Approval of Minutes

Chair Jenn Halverson Kuehn and Member Teena Johnson were excused

Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes. Member Julian seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

III. Public Comment

Timothy Campbell, Downtown on the Go, provided comment.

IV. Business Items:

- **Home in Tacoma & Code Updates (Elliott Barnett)**

Elliott Barnett, Planning and Development Services Department Long Range Planner, provided an overview of the Home in Tacoma document that is out for public comment. He explained that Home in Tacoma is intended to update Tacoma's housing rules to promote housing supply, choice and affordability. This included an evaluation of the zoning code and municipal code to allow for increased density, missing middle housing, and affordable/attainable housing strategies. The draft package includes new "Urban Residential" zones, middle housing types and design standards, tree planting and protection requirements, reduced parking requirements, bonuses to promote affordability and building retention, and strategies for homeownership. Elliott explained the proposed zones, maps, and correlation between shopping districts, centers, corridors, and transit corridors. He shared the timeline for public review and Planning Commission hearing and



recommendations. Elliott requested a letter of comment from BPTAG.

The Group discussed the metrics for planned growth, zoning needs, support for transit growth and density, parking reductions, and ensuring centers are walkable and can support neighborhood needs. The Group also discussed writing a letter. Member Thomas volunteered to assist with writing a letter. Member Michael also volunteered. The group discussed including comments related to monitoring and addressing unanticipated impacts as they arise, providing necessary services within a walkable/bikeable distance, concern for additional pressures related to parks/open space, and ensuring home ownership is attainable/affordable.

- **Chair's Updates**

- **Street Ops Staffing Follow-up**
- **Point Defiance Park - Outer Loop Visioning Committee**

Liz Kaster, Active Transportation Coordinator, provided a summary of Chair Jenn's updates that included ongoing conversations with Street Operations regarding staffing for pedestrian projects. Liz also shared that several members met with Metro Parks Staff regarding Pt Defiance Park. Member Matt also attended the meeting and shared that the next meeting will likely include a more robust conversation. The next meeting February 1 at 2:30PM.

- **Staff Updates**

- **South Tacoma Sounder Station Access – Next Steps**

Liz explained that the City is continuing to work with Sound Transit on refining project costs and prioritizing the project list based on available funding, safety, and equity.

- **BPTAG Recruitment**

Liz shared that recruitment has been going well.

- **2024 Workplan**

Liz provided an overview of the Transportation Commission's draft 2024 work plan. She explained that there are several projects underway or planned, including 6 YR Transportation Improvement Program, Home in Tacoma/Code Changes, Transportation Master Plan Amendments, Impact Fees, Streets Initiative 2.0, Vision Zero Road Safety Audits, Design Manual Update, and Automated Enforcement Expansion. Liz shared a list of committees, groups, and projects that BPTAG members were encouraged to participate in or act as representative. BPTAG members volunteered to be liaisons to the following processes:

- **Transportation Commission:** Jenn Halverson Kuehn
- **Metro Parks Point Defiance Park - Outer Loop Visioning Committee:** Matt Pavolka, Teena Johnson, Thomas O'Neil, & Jenn Halverson Kuehn
- **Metro Parks Strategic Plan:** Matt Pavolka
- **Pierce Transit Strategic Plan:** Julian Helmer
- **South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan:** iLeana Areiza
- **Metro Parks Climate Action Plan** (<https://engagepiercecounty.mysocialpinpoint.com/climate-action-plan>): All
- **Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan** (<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/picturepacave>)

- **Report from Transportation Commission**

Kerri Hill, Transportation Commission Member, shared that the Transportation Commission's January meeting included a presentation on Home in Tacoma draft public review document and discussion on their 2024 Work Plan. She encouraged members to take the Metro Parks Climate Action Plan survey.



- **BPTAG at other active transportation meetings**

iLeana shared that Tacoma Public Schools is proposing to surplus the Madison Elementary School.

V. Adjourn

Member Julian moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed. Member Michael adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.



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