



**City of Tacoma
Sustainable Tacoma Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 20, 2022

Commission Members Present:

Margaret Schwertner, Kendra Stauffer, Lexi Brewer (Co-Chair), Tony Ivey, Matthew Benedict, Laura Svancarek, Casey McManus, Evlondo Cooper (Co-Chair), Nikie Walters, Adam Reichenberger

Commission Members Excused:

Commission Members Absent:

Emily Pinckney

Others Present:

City of Tacoma Commission Support Staff: Kristi Lynett (Commission staff liaison), Jim Parvey, Latasha Wortham

Other Presenters:

Pat Beard, Community and Economic Development Dept
Ryan Calkins – Edge Cluster
Joshua Berger – Washington Maritime Blue
Cam LeHouillier, Tacoma Power Energy Research and Development

Members of the Public:

Call to Order & Roll Call

This meeting was called to order by Commission Co-Chairperson Lexi Brewer at 5:04pm, including an acknowledgement of the traditional indigenous lands this Commission conducts its business on. The Chair welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public and shared virtual meeting practices and requirements. Then, Lexi administered a roll call discussion, where Commissioners acknowledged their attendance.

Unanimous Approval of Sept 15, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Unanimous Approval of October 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Public Comment

No public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item or in writing prior to the meeting.

Staff Updates – Kristi Lynett, Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability (OEPS), City of Tacoma

Commission staff liaison Kristi Lynett recounted the Sustainable Tacoma Commission's (STC) September 2022 meeting activities and overview of recent Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (IPS) Committee presentations. She informed the Commission of several climate actions in progress, and invited members to attend the Trick or Tree event on Saturday at Madison Elementary.

Jim Parvey, OEPS, shared that the Fire Station #5 in the tideflats was just certified at LEED Silver.

Latasha Wortham, TPU, shared that she will be presenting to the Utility Board on their government relations strategic plan, which includes significant sustainability, climate, and equity emphasis.

Commission and Subcommittee Updates and Announcements

Co-Chairs Brewer and Cooper shared their thoughts regarding their recent IPS presentation, and reported the Committee's kudos for STC interactions. Laura Svancarek shared that Pierce County Council is going to be considering next week whether to move forward on Canyon Road expansion, using analysis completed in 1997. She expressed concern using 25 year old traffic and development data and how expansion usually induces increased demand. Commissions may contact the County Council individually as private community members. Evlondo shared two community updates, one on a community science tree monitoring opportunity, and the other on a public comment period for Dept of Ecology's Improving Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Initiative.

Commission Business Items

5G Private Network for the Tideflats –

Pat Beard, Community and Economic Development Dept

Ryan Calkins – Edge Cluster

Joshua Berger – Washington Maritime Blue

Pat and team presented an overview of tideflats project, including goals, outreach, partnerships, benefits and next steps. By implementing 5G technology throughout the tideflats, innovative benefits such as orchestration and efficiency, infrastructure modernization, improved safety, environmental sustainability, and data sharing can be achieved

Transportation Electrification - Cam LeHouillier, Tacoma Power

Cam shared an update on Tacoma Power's recent work on transportation electrification, including the home charging and smart water heater pilots, increase in charging stations and programs to support low opportunity neighborhoods, how they have leveraged funding, and highlights of future efforts.

Climate Action Plan and Biennium Budget

The Commission unanimously approved a letter to IPS, pending non-substantive edits, regarding recommendations for Council action, including budget requests for staffing and grant match and leadership coordination for regional heat and smoke preparation.

Home in Tacoma and Urban Forestry Letter

This agenda item was tabled with no objections for next month's agenda.

Public Comment

No additional public comment was delivered during this agenda item.

Objectives for or before the Next Meeting

- Extended Roll-Call
- Home in Tacoma & Urban Forestry letter

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission unanimous approved an adjourned at 6:58pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held hybrid on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 5:00pm, on zoom and at Tacoma Municipal Building, room 248

Lexi Brewer and Evlondo Cooper, Co-Chairs

Kristin Lynett, Staff / Note Taker

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