



## City of Tacoma Sustainable Tacoma Commission Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 15, 2022

**Commission Members Present:**

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

**Commission Members Excused:**

Evlondo Cooper  
Adam Reichenberger

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

City of Tacoma Commission Support Staff: Kristi Lynett (Commission staff liaison), Lucy Klug (Sustainability Americorps)

**Other Presenters:**

Latasha Wortham, Logan Behr, Clark Mather (TPU)

Members of the Public: none

**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 December 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) October 2022 meeting activities. She also gave updates on:

- The success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tacoma Climate Leadership Cohort weekend on Nov 3-5.
- the annual Directors Climate Training given on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>,
- Staffing update, interviewing shortly for 2 interns and posting closed for Sustainability Analyst on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. In January should be posting for Climate Data & Grant Analyst
- Seaport Sound Terminal draft EIS – Public comments are being taken, although Commissioners are only able to comment as a private resident. There is no Council action once draft Environmental Impact Statements are released. That is a staff and if appealed, Hearing Examiner decision.
- Home in Tacoma & Trees – Urban Forestry and Planning staff had a nice conversation with Councilmembers Walker and Hines to clarify expectations regarding benefits and challenges. Tree preservation requirements will be part of Home in Tacoma, and those details will be worked out in 2023. Further STC input is not immediately needed.
- Environmental Services Commission – Kristi shared that staff were looking for additional ES Commissioners. Kristi will confirm STC specific participation needs.
- Sustainability Small Grants – Due to internal challenges with contracting and payment, we have postponed another round of small grants until the spring. We intend to conduct two rounds in 2023, and hope to have the process streamlined by then. Based on STC feedback, we will consider having the spring round early enough to facilitate April, Earth Monday funded activities.

Latasha Wortham, TPU, shared that TPU Director Jackie Flowers also attended the Directors Climate Training.

### **Commission and Subcommittee Updates and Announcements**

No updates provided

### **Commission Business Items**

**Grant Opportunities**– Kristi Lynett gave a brief presentation on upcoming grant opportunities for general government while Latasha Wortham, Logan Behr, and Clark Mather did the same for TPU.

**Climate Action Plan Progress Report Discussion** - Based on STC homework of reviewing example climate progress report, Commissioners shared what they liked and disliked and offered suggestions for the City’s 2022 Progress Report. Those included a) interactive tabs, b) executive summary, c) providing contextualization (especially if not hitting target, and what categories actions were and weren’t moving quickly).

**2023 Draft Workplan** – Kristi shared a draft 2023 workplan and asked for recommendations for topics the Commission would like to see next year. The workplan is a living document and regularly updated, but it is used to help plan and manage topics, especially those that have external processes and deadlines.

### **Public Comment**

No additional public comment was delivered during this agenda item.

### **Objectives for or before the Next Meeting**

- Extended Roll-Call

- Co-Chair nominations
- Rules of Procedures review
- Solid Waste updates, including waste prevention, legislation, and recycling efforts

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Commission unanimous approved an adjourned at 6:48pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held hybrid on Thursday, January 19, 2022, at 5:00pm, on zoom and at Tacoma Municipal Building, room 248

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Lexi Brewer and Evlondo Cooper, Co-Chairs

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Kristin Lynett, Staff / Note Taker

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