



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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September 29, 2021

4:30 PM

Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Kristina Walker, Chris Beale,
Lillian Hunter, Catherine Ushka (alternate)

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the special meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0938](#) “Brewery Blocks” Place Name Designation
[Melanie Harding, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor, City Manager’s Office]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Melanie Harding, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor, City Manager's Office, presented the place name designation request for the Brewery Blocks area, including background, location, the naming request application, community outreach done by the requestors, the naming request process, the Committee's recommendations options, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding soliciting public comment and feedback, possible objections to the request, recommendations from staff, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, sending out a press release regarding the proposal, and next steps.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to forward the place name designation of the Brewery Blocks area to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

2. [21-0939](#)

Home in Tacoma Review
 [Peter Huffman, Director; Brian Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 4:56 p.m., Peter Huffman, Director, and Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented a review of the Home in Tacoma Project, including meeting objectives; scope and schedule; topics reviewed so far; the reasons behind the amount of space designated for mid-scale housing; recommended infill design policies; mid-scale examples; key themes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee's September 22, 2021, meeting map discussion; potential new criterion, noting principal arterials and nonconforming sites; phasing options; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding site options, impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods, nonconforming sites, the different map options, density requirements, affordable housing, the Affordable Housing Action Plan, Multi-Family Tax Exemptions, creating a design review panel, working with the housing development community, what type of housing is expected, time frame for the current phases, the process to bring the topic to the Committee, and next steps.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [21-0940](#)

October 13, 2021 - Bus Rapid Transit 60% Design and Other Updates;
 Home in Tacoma Review
 October 27, 2021 - “Brewery Blocks” Place Naming Request;
 Electric Vehicle Action Plan Updates; Home in Tacoma Review
 November 10, 2021 - Planning Commission Interviews; Urban Forest Code Updates

Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on October 13, 2021, and will include updates on the Bus Rapid Transit and the Home in Tacoma Project. She further stated that the October 27, 2021, meeting will include updates on the Brewery Blocks naming request, the

electric vehicle action plan, and the Home in Tacoma Project.

Public Comment

4. [21-0960](#) Written Comment

Public comment was heard from:

1. Esther Day, speaking on the Home in Tacoma Project.
2. Jodi Cook, speaking on the Home in Tacoma Project.
3. Heidi S., speaking on the Home in Tacoma Project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



for

Conor McCarthy, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office