



Landmarks Preservation Commission

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October 9, 2024

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

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Background

- The Landmarks Preservation Commission is established by the City Charter and Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) 1.42.
- The Commission oversees the establishment and regulation of landmarks, local historic districts, review of certain property tax incentives, heritage grants and annual awards.
- Tacoma's Landmarks and Historic Districts are regulated by TMC 13.06 and 13.07.
- The Commission also reviews certain demolition permits under TMC 13.12.570.
- Advisory policy body to the Planning Commission and City Council.



506 N L Street (before)



506 N L Street (after)



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Commission

- 12 of 13 positions are currently filled
- Positions: Architects (3), Professionals (4), At-Large (4), and Ex Officio (2)
- 3-year terms (Ex Officio terms are 4 years)
- Regular meetings occur 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each* month (*only one meeting in November and December)
- Hybrid format meetings, start at 5:30pm



Site visit to Wapato Park,
July 2024



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Recent Work

Accomplishments:

- 30 Historic Design Reviews
- New Landmark nominations, various stages in review/approval process
- 2023: Approx. \$7 million in tax incentives (\$260 million since start of program)
- Ongoing public events calendar, including 2024 Historic Preservation Month and Annual Awards



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Up Next

Upcoming Events & Projects:

- Historic Preservation Economic Incentives Study
- Tacoma Comprehensive Plan updates
- Tacoma Black History Survey
- Heritage Grants (spring 2025)
- Municipal code changes
- Site visits



Black History Survey, public event at Evergreen College, Tacoma



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Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC)

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Background

The Sustainable Tacoma Commission’s purpose is to advise City Council and staff to bring accountability and urgency to implement the 2030 Tacoma Climate Action Plan (CAP) and other sustainability initiatives.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Bring community accountability, transparency, and vigilance to the long-term implementation of Tacoma’s 2030 Climate Action Plan
- Oversee, coordinate, communicate, and encourage public involvement regarding sustainability initiatives



CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING



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Background

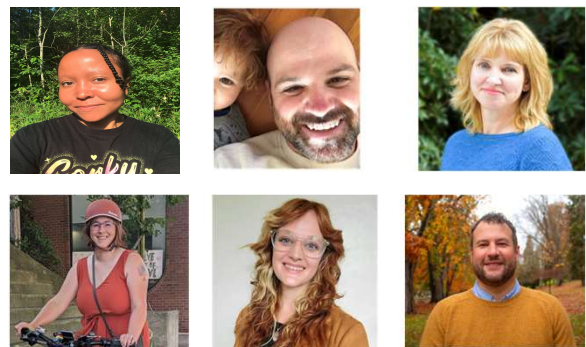
- **13 at-large members**
 - 1 member is dedicated for youth (16-17)s old
- **Terms are 3 years, youth seat is 1 school year**
- **Meet every 3rd Thursday of the month**
 - 5pm-7pm at TMB and online



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Background

- Climate science, policies, and solutions
- Local governance
- Energy systems management
- Waste/material management
- Ocean and marine sciences
- Multi-modal transportation
- Public health and healthy housing
- Food policy and programming
- Environmental justice
- Urban forestry
- Urban planning
- Community engagement and advocacy



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Our Recent Work

Sustainability Small Grants are back!

- About 35 applicants for \$50k (up to \$5k each)
- STC approves grants based on meeting certain criteria related to CAP and benefitting utilities
- One round last spring, second round this fall



Ocean Fest 2024 (Funded project)



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Our Recent Work

Council one-on-ones for top priorities

- Met with all Councilmembers, Mayor, and City Manager
- 6 identified priorities based on the Climate Action Plan
- Heard great feedback from Council



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Our Recent Work

Home in Tacoma Phase II

- Made recommendations to balance affordable housing, tree preservation, and no parking requirements

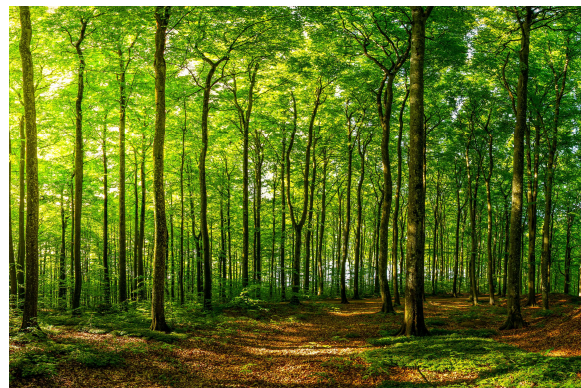


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Our Recent Work

New Climate Commission proposal

- Gave recommendations on approving a new Climate and Sustainability Commission, while holding flexibility of diverse backgrounds and demographics



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Up Next

- **Permit subcommittee**
 - Review how permits can better meet sustainability goals
- **Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan input**
- **Budget review with climate lens**
- **New Commission**
 - Possible transition



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Transportation Commission

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Background

Resolution No. 38669

“...to advise on transportation-related matters such as short-term and long-range transportation planning; compliance with local, regional, and federal transportation regulations; bike, pedestrian, and mass transit-related planning initiatives; and parking and capital improvement plans...”



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Background

- Co-Chair Matt Stevens: At-Large No. 1
- Co-Chair Bruce Morris: At-Large No. 2
- Joe Korbuszewski: District 1
- Rubén Casas: District 2
- Austin Goble: District 3
- Troy Serad: District 4
- Penny Grellier: District 5
- Quanah Spencer: At-Large No. 3
- Richard Gardner: At-Large No. 4
- Pamela Wrenn: City Manager appointed, non-voting
- Kerri Hill: City Manager appointed, non-voting

**11
Member
Commission**



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2024 Transportation Commission Work Plan

MANDATED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-year Transportation Improvement Program • Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan Update ← PRIMARY FOCUS 	
PRIORITIES	INVOLVEMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long range transit planning + TOD • Quick-build projects • Neighborhood traffic calming • Vision Zero implementation and automated enforcement • Improving the pedestrian experience • Impact fees • Design Manual Update – Chapter 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home in Tacoma • Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan • Tideflats Sub-Area Plan • UW Tacoma 2050 Plan • Neighborhood Planning

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Our Recent Work

2024 Letters of Support or Recommendation

- Puyallup Avenue Complete Streets grant
- Home in Tacoma Phase 2
- Biennial Budget 
- City Charter Amendments
- Tacoma Dome Access Improvements

- ✓ Vision Zero
- ✓ Safe Routes to School
- ✓ 6th Avenue Corridor Study
- ✓ Pedestrian experience
- ✓ Street Ops staff for quick-builds



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Our Recent Work

Commission representation for the following efforts:

- Joint TOD Task Force
- Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group
- Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee
- McKinley Neighborhood Plan Steering Group
- Proctor Neighborhood Plan Steering Group
- South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan Steering Group

 Community events, workshops, open houses – We are active!



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