



# City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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October 27, 2021

4:30 PM

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

## Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 1 - Beale, McCarthy, Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [21-1043](#) Approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2021, meeting.
2. [21-1044](#) Approval of the minutes of the May 26, 2021, meeting.

**MOTION:** Council Member Walker moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021, and May 26, 2021, meetings.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Beale.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, McCarthy and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

## Briefing Items

3. [21-1039](#) Brewery Blocks Place Name Designation Update  
[Melanie Harding, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor, City Manager's Office]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Melanie Harding, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor, City Manager's Office, presented an update on the Brewery Blocks place name designation request, including background, public outreach, information distribution, public feedback, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding next steps and possible effects of the name change.

4. [21-1040](#) Transportation Electrification Update  
[Cam LeHouillier, Manager, Tacoma Power Energy Research and Development]

At approximately 4:43 p.m., Cam LeHouillier, Manager, Tacoma Power Energy Research and Development, presented an update on transportation electrification efforts, including Tacoma Power's Transportation Electrification Plan and Strategic Guidelines, the transportation sector transformation, the home and multi-family electric vehicle (EV) charging pilot programs, public EV charging, the City parking project, streetside EV charging, progress in electrification, Port of Tacoma electrification, and 2022 and beyond.

Discussion ensued regarding registered EVs in Washington State versus Pierce County, options for incentivizing buying EVs, putting charging stations in the right-of-way, the costs of putting in a home charger, the budget and funding for the electrification projects, and powering maritime vehicles.

5. [21-1041](#) Home in Tacoma Review  
[Peter Huffman, Director; Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:18 p.m., Brian Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented an update on the Home in Tacoma Project, including an overview, the scope and schedule of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee review, the mid-scale map with Planning Commission recommendations, the mid-scale map options considered, hybrid options 1 and 2 with examples, phasing of implementation, nonconforming sites, infill design policies, affordability policies and code, infrastructure policies, the Phase 2 approach, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding Committee members' opinions on the map options, impact fees, affects of construction on utilities and infrastructure, transit corridors, nonconforming sites, design review standards, and minimum density standards.

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Heidi G
2. Jodi Cook
3. Esther Day
4. Anonymous
5. Cheri Solien
6. P. Fitzpatrick
7. Karen Kelly

Discussion continued regarding the meaning of the color-coding on the maps, infill design policies, and next steps.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to forward Hybrid Option No. 2 and other recommendations to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.**

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

**Ayes:** 2 - Beale and Walker

**Nays:** 1 - McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [21-1042](#) November 10, 2021 - Planning Commission Interviews; Urban Forest Code Updates  
November 17, 2021 (Special Meeting) - Vision Zero Action Plan and  
Speed Reduction Study Update  
November 24, 2021 - Cancelled

Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on November 10, 2021, and will include an update on the urban forest code, and that the Planning Commission interviews originally scheduled for that date were rescheduled to the December 8, 2021, meeting. She further stated that there will be a special meeting on November 17, 2021, that will include

updates on the Vision Zero action plan, the speed reduction study, and the floodplain management code changes. She concluded by stating that the November 24, 2021, meeting has been cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

## **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

## **Public Comment**

7.     [21-1063](#)     Written Public Comment

Public Comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

The Committee received 19 written comments, eight regarding the Brewery Blocks naming request, and 11 regarding the Home in Tacoma Project.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Conor McCarthy, Chair

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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office