

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Conference Room 16

February 26, 2014

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

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Ibsen, and Mello.

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2014

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Transfer of Development Rights

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Ian Munce, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided background information on Transfer of Development Rights and current usage in Tacoma. Mr. Munce continued to review floor area ratio for downtown districts, proposed Tacoma Municipal Code changes, and the Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Program. Brian Boudet, PDS, provided information regarding market value. Discussion ensued regarding floor area ratios, case studies, and historic buildings. Council Member Boe requested staff provided floor ratios of the 28 Proctor project. Chair Mello requested staff provide information regarding sending and receiving sites.

2014 Annual Amendments/Planning Commission 2013 Accomplishments and Proposed Work Plan for 2014

At approximately 4:55 p.m., Mr. Boudet made opening remarks. Lihuang Wung, PDS, reviewed the Planning Commissions 2013 accomplishments, including annual amendments, the Comprehensive Plan, Subarea Plans, community involvement, and other projects reviewed. Mr. Wung continued to review the 2014 Work Plan, including annual amendments, the Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan, Subarea Plans, and emerging issues. Mr. Boudet reviewed the 2014 Annual Amendments including applications relating to Point Ruston mixed-use center, Point Defiance Park land use policies, Mixed-Use Centers Code review, and a list of other proposed amendments. Mr. Wung reviewed next steps. Discussion ensued regarding onsite signs, Point Ruston, yard space standards, mixed-use centers, and affordable housing policies. Chair Mello requested staff provide ample time for this Committee to provide recommendations for the 2015 Annual Amendments.

Transportation Commission 2013 Accomplishments and 2014 Work Plan

At approximately 5:26 p.m., Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works, provided opening remarks and reviewed the 2013 accomplishments, including the adoption of bylaws and progress on the

Transportation Master Plan. She then reviewed the 2014 work plan and goals, including updates to current programs. Discussion ensued regarding green roads, the Transportation Master Plan, transit funding, crosswalks, guiding principles, and alternate modes of transportation. Chair Mello requested the Transportation Commission provide recommendations to this Committee regarding ways to enhance transit services and pedestrian safety improvements, including cross walks.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Carmen White, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is March 12, 2014 with presentations relating to the Complete Streets quarterly update, and the Board of Appeals 2013 accomplishments and 2014 work plan.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Nicole Emely, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office