



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 16, 2018

4:00 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair Anders Ibsen,
Chris Beale, Conor McCarthy, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Chair Mello called the special meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Present: 4 - Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Council Member McCarthy participated telephonically.

Briefing Items

1. [18-0792](#) Urban Forestry
[Mike Carey, Management Analyst, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability;
Jim Parvey, Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 4:12 p.m., Jim Parvey, Environmental Services Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS), made opening remarks, provided an overview of the State of Tacoma's Urban Forest, and introduced Mike Carey, Management Analyst, OEPS. Mr. Carey presented on Tacoma's canopy coverage and adopted policies, noting the Urban Forest Policy Element and the Environmental Action Plan. He continued on sustainable urban forestry, noting comparisons to other jurisdictions; effective urban forest management; proactive tree care; and stewardship and engagement, noting near term, moderate term, and long term actions. He concluded with a summary, noting long term impact and near term actions.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding landscape architecture, construction regulations, tree ordinances, and code enforcement policies. Discussion concluded on a maintenance crew share program, a potential arborist crew for the City, funding and cost share options, partnerships, stewardship and engagement, Tacoma Needs Trees, incentives, and grant programs.

2. [18-0793](#) Schuster Parkway Promenade
[Diane Sheesley, Project Manager, Public Works]

At approximately 4:51 p.m., Kurtis Kingslover, Director, Public Works (PW), made opening remarks and introduced Diane Sheesley, Project Manager, PW, and Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services. Mr. Atkinson provided background information and history, noting Tacoma Dome to Point Defiance and the Schuster Parkway Promenade. Ms. Sheesley presented on available funding for the Schuster Parkway Promenade, noting design grants and construction funds. She reviewed three options for the project, including a full scale project, phased approach, or cancelling the project. She presented on a full scale project, noting ownership, recommended soil walls, challenges, location, design, and construction details. She continued on a phased approach, noting location, design, and construction details. Ms. Sheesley concluded with cancelling the project entirely, noting design and construction.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding location, funding, standards, reasoning behind timelines, and variance options.

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Jane Moore, 505 Broadway.
2. Liz Kaster, Puyallup Watershed Initiative.
3. Jenn Halverson-Kuehn, Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group.
4. Luke Sturgeon, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.
5. Hally Bert, Downtown On The Go.

Discussion concluded on decision points and details, and grant timelines.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [18-0794](#) July 25, 2018 - Air Monitoring, Transportation Commission Work Plan

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting on July 25, 2018 is expected to be cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Chair

Stacy Manthou, City Clerk's Office