



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

December 10, 2014

4:30 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair David Boe,
Anders Ibsen, Lauren Walker, Marty Campbell (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Present: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Mello and Walker

Briefing Items

1. 14-1269

Mixed Use Centers Review

[Stephen Atkinson, Associate Planner, Planning & Development Services]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Planning and Development Services, provided background information on the process of reviewing mixed-use centers and introduced consultants Greg Easton, Property Counselors, and John Owen, Makers Architecture and Urban Design, LLP. Mr. Easton and Mr. Owen provided an overview on mixed-use centers, including defining strategies, requirements, benefits, the evaluation criteria, land use and housing units, employment, observations, current locations, and next steps. Discussion ensued throughout regarding walkable blocks, market interest in the mixed-use center designation, defining areas, equity and diversity, connecting mixed-use centers with the community, livability, density and building standards, land values, design regulations, and creating commercial cores. Chair Mello requested staff setup one-on-one meetings with all Council Members regarding mixed-use centers before coming back to the Committee in 2015.

2. 14-1270

Regional Approach to Stormwater Management

[Lorna Mauren, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services]

At approximately 5:35 p.m., Geoff Smyth, Environmental Services (ES), provided opening remarks on the process of re-envisioning treatment and flow control in the City. Lorna Mauren, ES, reviewed the City's flow control and

treatment, including the economy, hydrology, current permitting requirements, watersheds, the visioning process, gravel pit expansions, and detention sites. Dana DeLeon, ES, reviewed flow control exempt watersheds, street treatments, in-lieu of fees, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding detention sites, maintaining natural environments, mitigation sites, state level collaborations, and promoting City development.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. 14-1271 January 14, 2015 - Water Ditch Trail and Mixed Use Center Review

Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is January 14, 2015 with presentations relating to the historic Water Ditch Trail, and the 2015 Comprehensive Plan land use designations.

Other Items of Interest

- 14-1281 Potential Disposable Bag Ordinance

Public comment was heard from Ken Campbell, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, on eliminating plastic shopping bags in the City.

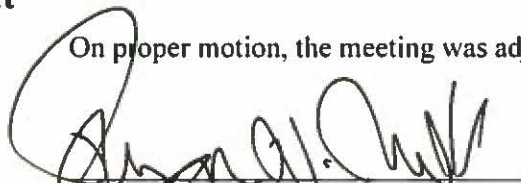
Jim Parvey, ES, provided information on the Sustainable Materials Management Plan regarding one-time use plastic shopping bags. Discussion ensued regarding plastic bags, the life cycle of plastic and paper bags, and the cost of alternatives. Chair Mello requested staff provide a follow-up presentation in 2015.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Doris Sorum, City Clerk