



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 26, 2018

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Present: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Deputy Mayor Ibsen participated telephonically.

Agenda Item No. 2 was addressed before Agenda Item No. 1.

Briefing Items

2. [18-1109](#) Cross-Laminated Timber
[Jim Duggan, Fire Chief, Tacoma Fire Department; Sue Coffman, Building Official,
Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Jim Duggan, Fire Chief, Tacoma Fire Department (TFD), introduced Sue Coffman, Building Official, Planning and Development Services, and Chris Seaman, Senior Principal Engineer, TFD. Ms. Coffman provided a briefing on cross-laminated timber (CLT), including background, noting how CLT is made, a comparison of mass timber to other types of building materials, and the current Building Code rules. Mr. Seaman reviewed examples of CLT construction in the Pacific Northwest and CLT manufacturing and construction. Ms. Coffman described background and process of model building codes. Mr. Seaman further described background and processes of City and State Building Code development. Ms. Coffman reviewed the health, equity, and sustainability analysis of CLT. Mr. Seaman presented opportunities, including proposed building code rules, an example of a building design on 725 Commerce Street, and a building currently under construction on 2110 Commerce Street. Together they concluded by reviewing challenges, outreach, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding current Building Code rules; CLT manufacturing; City and State Building Codes; and the health, equity, and sustainability analysis of CLT. Discussion concluded on challenges and the idea of recruiting a manufacturer to be located in Tacoma.

Approval of Minutes

1. [18-1108](#) Approval of the minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

3. [18-1110](#) Green Building
[Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability; Sue Coffman, Building Official, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:01 p.m., Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS), provided background information on green building, including a description of what green building is; co-benefits; comparisons of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certifications in Tacoma to Spokane for the years 2007 to 2018; and comparisons of Built Green certifications in Tacoma to other cities in the region. Ms. Coffman further reviewed background, noting current efforts and incentives. Ms. Lynett presented issues, opportunities, and a chart showing leading cities in the region that are implementing green building incentives. Ms. Lynett and Ms. Coffman further described each opportunity previously presented. Ms. Lynett concluded by describing the health, equity, and sustainability analysis; recommendations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the green building incentives that leading cities are implementing and the Built Green certifications in Tacoma compared to other cities in the region. Discussion concluded on recommendations and next steps.

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Chris Van Daalen, Northwest EcoBuilding Guild.

4. [18-1111](#) Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods
[Patrick Babbitt, Project Specialist, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 5:39 p.m., Patrick Babbitt, Project Specialist, OEPS, described his background and provided an overview on the Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods program, including the purpose of the program; history and structure; 2017-2018 partners and services; 2017-2018 canvassing in the South Tacoma Neighborhood; a map of assets in the neighborhood; a comparison of demographics in South Tacoma to Tacoma as a whole; and a review of health equity data, noting life expectancy and poverty levels. He described implementation of the program, community response, and metrics of the community engagement results. Mr. Babbitt concluded by reviewing challenges, successes, and the 2018-2019 program focus.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding services promoted during the canvassing. Discussion concluded on deployment of an effective program for the next phase.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [18-1112](#) October 10, 2018 - Hilltop Links to Opportunity Update and Sea Level Rise

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting on October 10, 2018 will include updates for Hilltop Links to Opportunity and Sea Level Rise.

Council Member Beale stated he was interested in discussing what the City is doing or can do for salmon recovery and orca recovery and protection.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office