

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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

January 8, 2014

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

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Mello, and Walker.

Council Committee Members Absent: Boe, and Lopez (arrived at 4:35 p.m.).

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2013

Council Member Walker moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Council Member Lopez arrived here, at 4:35 p.m.

Transportation Equity

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Dorian Waller, Tacoma Urban League, provided background information and reviewed actions of the Growing Transit Community Equity Grant Program. Mr. Waller then reviewed participant feedback, community partnerships, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding equity in transportation and impacts on the community.

Introduction of Transportation Master Plan

At approximately 4:47 p.m., Kurtis Kingslover, Public Works Director, made opening remarks. Josh Diekmann, Public Works, reviewed community outreach and work with the Transportation Commission. Kendra Brieland, Fehr & Peers, reviewed coordination efforts for the Comprehensive Plan and commissioner outreach, including public input, funding, setting priorities, and the scope of work for public outreach. Discussion ensued regarding media outreach, funding, transportation plans, and translating public outreach to other languages.

Sustainable Tacoma Commission

At approximately 5:19 p.m., Kristin Lynett, City Manager's Office, made opening remarks. Phil Coughlan, Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC), reviewed background information, STC meeting topics, and City staff involvement. Ms. Lynett reviewed 2013 accomplishments and 2014 goals relating to land use, green building advocacy, transportation, energy, waste reduction, recycling, climate change, education, and outreach. Discussion ensued regarding community gardens, food deserts, plastic bags, recycling, research and goals. Chair Mello requested an update at the next joint meeting with the Tacoma Public Utility Board on their energy data program; the STC meet with the Pierce County Regional Council to discuss the Growing Transit Communities report and current strategies; and staff submit a letter to this Committee describing green building strategy training for permit counters.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Carmen White, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting will be January 22, 2014 with presentations on the Mobility Master Plan 2013 accomplishments, Downtown on the Go!, and the 2013 Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Year-End Report.

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 6:07 p.m.

Rvan Mello, Chair

Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office