



# City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 13, 2015

4:30 PM

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

## Call To Order

Vice Chair Boe called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**Present:** 3 - Boe, Ibsen and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

## Approval of Minutes

1. 15-0499 Approval of the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting

**MOTION:** Council Member Walker moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Ibsen.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Boe, Ibsen and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

## Briefing Items

2. 15-0500 Applicant Interviews for Sustainable Tacoma Commission  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, introduced Anna Boyle, City Clerk's Office, and stated she will be staffing this Committee going forward. Ms. Sorum provided background information on current vacancies on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and stated Phil Coughlan and Agnes Pate are seeking reappointment. She noted both candidates were given the option to

interview and Ms. Pate declined. Ms. Sorum stated Peter Hickman was not able to attend due to a prior obligation with the Air National Guard, however he did provide a written response to the interview questions. She concluded by reviewing the interview process.

The Committee interviewed the following applicants for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission:

Ulysses Martin  
Jeff Bessmer  
Phil Coughlan  
Margaret McKeown  
Rus Higley

Discussion ensued regarding the candidates' qualifications and the current needs of the Commission.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Agnes Pate to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Boe, Ibsen and Walker**  
**Absent: 1 - Mello**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Phil Coughlan to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Boe, Ibsen and Walker**  
**Absent: 1 - Mello**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the appointment of Jeff Bessmer to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Boe, Ibsen and Walker**

**Absent: 1 - Mello**

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the appointment of Rus Higley to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Boe, Ibsen and Walker**

**Absent: 1 - Mello**

Discussion continued regarding the candidates' qualifications and whether additional interviews are necessary to fill the remaining open position. Vice Chair Boe requested staff schedule an interview for Mr. Hickman at the next available meeting.

### **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

3. **15-0501** May 27, 2015 - Live/Work Update, Mixed Use Centers Review, and Sanitary Insurance Program

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2015 and Council Member Campbell will need to attend as the alternate as Chair Mello and Council Member Walker will be absent.

Discussion ensued regarding the length of the meeting and whether the three items scheduled will be updates only. Ms. Gallagher stated the live/work update, mixed-use center review, and the sanitary insurance program will be briefings only and will not require action from the Committee.

### Other Items of Interest

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for interviewing Mr. Hickman and whether the new members could be appointed by the end of June to allow them to attend the Sustainable Tacoma Commission retreat.

Kristi Lynett, Office of Sustainability Manager, stated a notice will be sent to the public this week regarding the disposable bag survey to get feedback regarding potential bag restrictions. She noted there will also be a web page for the public and opportunities to provide comment in person at a Sustainable Tacoma Commission meeting in June or on July 22, 2015 at this Committee. Discussion ensued regarding outreach for the survey. Vice Chair Boe requested additional information and a graphic to share at the Council meeting on May 19, 2015.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

  
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David Boe, Vice Chair  
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Anna Boyle, City Clerk's Office