



MINUTES

(Approved on May 7, 2025)

MEETING: Regular Meeting (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair), Anthony Steele (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dörner (departed at 5:30 p.m.), Robb Krehbiel, Brett Marlo, Jordan Rash, Payton Swinford

ABSENT: Matthew Martenson

A. Call to Order

Chair Karnes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Chair Karnes read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Steele moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

There were no meeting minutes to approve.

D. Public Comments

Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, reported that one written comment was received regarding the Transportation Element of the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan.

The following individual addressed the Planning Commission:

1. Kit Burns.

Public comment closed at 5:05 p.m.

E. Disclosure of Contacts and Recusals

There were no disclosures of contacts or recusals.

F. Discussion Item

1. One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Update – Transportation Master Plan

Carrie Wilhelme, Public Works, presented the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) update, including the structure of the new document; engagement findings; the process for updating the Plan, draft vision statement, goals, and policies; key changes for the Plan; and the work in progress.

Discussion ensued regarding multimodal level of service benchmarks, emphasis on trees and bioswales, mitigating contaminants from roadways, mixed-use industrial traffic and its influence on pedestrian/bicycling experience, Plan timeframe, parking, equity and reliance on auto use, leveraging partnerships with state government, how the growth strategy has been amended, and creating complete networks.

2. One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Update – Design and Development

Stephen Antupit, Senior Planner, and Carl Metz, Senior Planner, presented the Design and Development Element, including the project timeline; One Tacoma Plan vision; policy audit principles; priority outcomes for the Design and Development Element; key updates to the Element, noting the renaming to “Neighborhood Design”; and goals and policies for the Neighborhood Design Element.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding GMA requirements, the Element goals and priority outcomes, the strategy for designing communities comparably, consultant involvement in community engagement, anti-displacement strategies, and illustrations and visual aids for the Element.

H. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the November 20, 2024, meeting:

- Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review – Economic Development element; Environment Element (part 1)

(1) Agenda for the December 4, 2024, meeting:

- Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review – Environment Element (part 2); Engagement Element

Atkinson noted the December 18, 2024, meeting will likely be a joint meeting with the Transportation Commission.

I. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

Atkinson provided updates on the draft Tideflats Subarea Plan and the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District.

Chair Karnes reported out on the recent TOD TF meeting.

Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, provided an update on the Home In Tacoma zoning and standards package.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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