



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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September 08, 2021

4:30 PM

Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Kristina Walker, Chris Beale,
Lillian Hunter, Catherine Ushka (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [21-0875](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2021, meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

Briefing Items

2. [21-0874](#) Transportation Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, stated that the Committee will be interviewing five applicants for the Transportation Commission, two of which are current members seeking reappointment. She further stated that there are four positions

available, including the At-Large No. 3 position and the Council District Nos. 1, 2, and 5 positions, and that Veronica Bean, Dale Cope, and Pamela Paul have all withdrawn from consideration. She concluded by stating that the incumbents, Justin Leighton and Jacki Skaught, have both served on the Commission for eight consecutive years already, and a full three-year term would put them past the ten-year term limit. Therefore, the Committee could appoint them to partial terms or appoint them to full terms to retain institutional knowledge.

The Committee interviewed Justin Leighton, Troy Serad, Jacki Skaught, Aram Westergreen, and Susan Reehill.

Discussion ensued regarding the previous work of the incumbents, diversity on the Commission, getting new viewpoints, the number of applicants versus the number of open positions, and which applicants were eligible for which positions.

MOTION: Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the appointment of Troy Serad to the "At-Large No. 3" position on the Transportation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire August 31, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the reappointment of Jacki Skaught to the "Council District No. 1" position on the Transportation Commission to serve a partial term to expire August 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the appointment of Susan Reehill to the "Council District No. 2" position on the Transportation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire August 31, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 2 - Hunter and McCarthy

Nays: 1 - Walker

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the appointment of Aram Westergreen to the "Council District No. 5" position on the Transportation Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire August 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

Absent: 1 - Beale

3. [21-0871](#)

Home in Tacoma Review

[Peter Huffman, Director; Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 6:02 p.m., Peter Huffman, Director, and Brian Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented the Home in Tacoma (HIT) Project review, including meeting objectives; proposed 2021 scope and schedule; HIT Phase 1; the purpose and definition of the mid-scale residential recommendation; current single-family and multi-family low-density standards and building height examples, including two stories or 25 feet, three stories or 35 feet, and four stories or 45 feet; what mid-scale multi-family looks like; what incompatibility looks like; mid-scale residential definition, noting comment themes and potential adjustments; the mid-scale map recommendation, noting current zoning, proposed zoning, and related changes; the Planning Commission's criteria to create the mid-scale map; the mid-scale map and public comment, noting comment themes and potential modifications or new criteria; and questions, feedback, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding multi-story buildings next to

single-family homes, the current allowed height for buildings, matching the character of existing neighborhoods, public outreach and feedback, working with the Planning Commission to develop other options, possible changes to the mid-scale map recommendation, moving forward with low-scale recommendations before any work on the mid-scale recommendations, design examples, the option to send the recommendations back to the Planning Commission for further consideration, bringing the recommendations to the full City Council, circumstances that would allow for larger building development, modifying the Planning Commission criteria for the map recommendations, and next steps.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

- 4. [21-0870](#) September 22, 2021 - Environmental Action Plan Update; Home in Tacoma
 October 13, 2021 - Bus Rapid Transit 60% Design and Other Updates;
 Home in Tacoma
 October 27, 2021 - Electric Vehicle Action Plan Updates; Home in Tacoma

Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on September 22, 2021, and will include updates on the Environmental Action Plan and the Home in Tacoma Project, and the October 13, 2021, meeting will include updates on the Bus Rapid Transit and the Home in Tacoma Project.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard from:

1. Esther Day, speaking on the Home in Tacoma Project.
2. Jodi Cook, speaking on the Home in Tacoma Project.
3. Brendan Haigh, speaking on the Home in Tacoma Project.
4. Patrick Fisher, speaking on the Home in Tacoma Project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



for

Conor McCarthy, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office