



City of Tacoma
Planning Commission

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Robb Krehbiel
Brett Marlo
Matthew Martenson
Jordan Rash
Payton Swinford
(District No. 4 – vacant)

MINUTES

(Approved on April 16, 2025)

MEETING: Regular Meeting (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Anthony Steele (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dorner, Robb Krehbiel, Brett Marlo, Jordan Rash, Payton Swinford

ABSENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair), Matthew Martenson

A. Call to Order

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

Vice-Chair Steele read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Dorner 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 two written comments were received regarding the Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Program.

No individuals addressed the Planning Commission.

Public comment closed at 5:03 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 – Historic Preservation

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, introduced Radhika Nair, Seva Workshop. McKnight, Atkinson, and Nair presented an overview of the existing Historic Preservation element of the Comprehensive Plan, including the Plan update timeline, element topics, GMA requirements, Historic Preservation in Tacoma today, policy audit principles, key changes in the element, and Historic Preservation goals.

Discussion ensued regarding the policy framework, a certification process, sustainability issues, historic greenspaces, tribal involvement, addressing nomination barriers with community involvement, the education section, what makes a neighborhood historic, a historic designation versus Home In Tacoma policies, and sustainability goals.

2. Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Program

Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, presented an overview of the draft Planning Commission Annual Report for 2023-2024 and Work Program for 2024-2026, including reporting requirements and schedule, Commission accomplishments, additional efforts, projects with expected completion in 2024, preliminary items for 2025 and 2026, ongoing issues, and emerging issues.

Discussion ensued regarding the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone, budget constraints, South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan, economic development implementation and tracking, consideration of other subarea plans, and the Hilltop Subarea Plan.

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve the Planning Commission's Annual Report 2023-2024 and Work Program 2024-2026 with the addition of a status report of the Hilltop Subarea Plan and forward to the City Council. Commission Marlo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the November 6, 2024, meeting:

- Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review – Transportation, Design and Development

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

- Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review – Economic Development, Environment, Engagement

I. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

Atkinson provided a status update on the draft Tideflats Subarea Plan.

Boudet provided a status report on Home In Tacoma.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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