



Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

October 23, 2013

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Ibsen, Mello, and Walker.

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

Approval of October 9, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Chair Mello stated the agenda order will be changed to allow the Planning Commission interview to be conducted prior to the Schuster Promenade and 2015 Comprehensive Plan topics.

Applicant Interview for Planning Commission

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided background information on the Planning Commission, and provided comments on the process for today's interview.

The Committee interviewed Chris Beale for the Planning Commission.

Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Chris Beale to the Planning Commission, representing Council District No. 5, for a term to expire June 30, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Schuster Promenade

At approximately 4:44 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Planning and Development Services (PDS), introduced Dave Rogers, SvR Design Company. Mr. Atkinson then provided an update on the Schuster Parkway Promenade, including the purpose, vision, and recommendation for a 12-foot separated promenade along the western side of Schuster Parkway and maintaining the existing travel lanes. He then reviewed the promenade at South 4th Street and Schuster Parkway, South 4th Street to North 30th Street, and along North 30th Street; and the lane removal alternative, noting the lane removal alternative is not recommended. Mr. Atkinson reviewed the North End connection, the Pacific Avenue connection, the recommendation, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the promenade, including water coming off the hillside, infrastructure, funding, cost of the project, and how the project relates to the cleanup of the Bay Side Trail.

Public comment was heard from Denny Faker, Stadium Business District.

At approximately 5:21 p.m., Chair Mello excused himself and Vice Chair Boe presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Public comment was heard from Carl Teitge, Citizen; and Rick Rose, Walk the Waterfront.

Council Member Walker moved to recommend staff proceed with the Schuster Parkway promenade portion of the Dome to Defiance trail system. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Discussion ensued regarding initial funding for the Schuster Parkway project and use of the park area. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Boe inquired whether the Schuster Parkway Promenade Feasibility and Conceptual Design Study is available online; Mr. Atkinson stated it is posted on the PDS website.

2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

At approximately 5:30 p.m., Mr. Atkinson provided an update on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, including an overview of recommendations, the phases and schedule of the plan, and next steps. Peter Huffman, PDS Interim Director, stated the new plan is an opportunity to create something meaningful to the City and its citizens. Council Member Boe suggested outreach efforts include town hall meetings in each district which include both Council Members and Planning Commission members from each district, and offered to be the at-large representative. Discussion ensued regarding outreach and the vision for the new plan.

Council Member Walker moved to forward this item to the full Council for consideration. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Carmen White, City Manager's Office, stated topics for November 13, 2013 meeting include traffic synchronization, Downtown On the Go!, and the Solid Waste voluntary oil collection and recycle program. Council Member Boe stated the November 27, 2013 has been cancelled.

Other Items of Interest

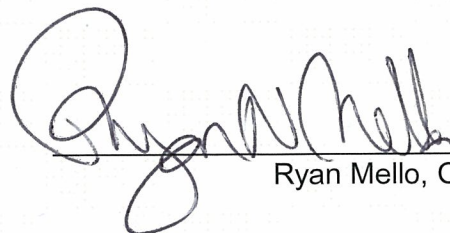
There were no other items of interest

Public Comment

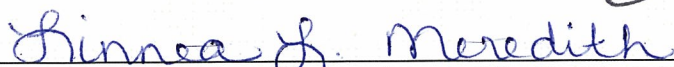
Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office