



City of Tacoma
Planning Commission

Christopher Karnes, Chair
Andrew Strobel, Vice-Chair
Morgan Dörner
Robb Krehbiel
Brett Marlo
Matthew Martenson
Brett Santhuff
Anthony Steele
(District 4 - vacant)

MINUTES

(Approved on August 16, 2023)

MEETING: Regular Meeting (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Andrew Strobel (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dörner, Robb Krehbiel, Brett Marlo, Matthew Martenson, Brett Santhuff, Anthony Steele

ABSENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair)

A. Call to Order

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

Vice-Chair Strobel read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Santhuff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

- February 15, 2023
- March 1, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- April 5, 2023 (special meeting)
- April 5, 2023 (regular meeting)

Commissioner Santhuff noted an error on page 6 of the April 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes, stating that the line mentioning a “forest bumper” should read “forest buffer”.

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve the February 15, March 1, March 15, April 5 special meeting, and April 5 regular meeting minutes as revised. Commissioner Santhuff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Public Comments

Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, reported that one written comment was received regarding the Urban Design Review Program; however, the text of the comment is more in-line with the Home In Tacoma Project.

No individuals addressed the Planning Commission.

Public Comment ended at 5:03 p.m.

E. Disclosure of Contacts and Recusals

There were no disclosures of contacts or recusals.

F. Discussion Items

1. Urban Design Review Program

Stephen Antupit, Senior Planner, and Carl Metz, Senior Planner, presented the implications and options

presented by recent actions of the Washington State Legislature for the proposed Urban Design Review program, including a recap and scope of the program, Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1293, Second Substitute Senate Bill (2SSB) 5290, clear and objective guidelines, public meeting options, and next steps.

The Commission provided feedback regarding the public meeting options and where it falls in the review process, public comments, clear and objective guidelines, equitable representation on the Design Review Board, and public notifications.

The Planning Commission recessed at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

2. Pacific Avenue Corridor Subarea Plan & EIS (“Picture Pac Ave”)

Wesley Rhodes, Senior Planner, presented an overview of the visioning/scoping period for Picture Pac Ave, including timelines; major themes heard; engagement, goals, tools, and audiences; language access plan; and the 10-week process schedule.

The Commission provided feedback and requested clarification regarding ground truthing, Slavic language access, language access resources, pop-up events, future development for improved walkability, engagement plan feedback, and school engagement events.

G. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the June 21, 2023, meeting includes:

- South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) Code Amendment
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Home in Tacoma – Phase 2

(2) July 5, 2023 – potential cancellation

(3) Agenda for the July 19, 2023, meeting includes:

- Urban Design Review Program

Commissioner Steele moved to cancel the July 5, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

Boudet informed the Commission of the following:

- The first meeting for the newly appointed commissioners will be on July 19, 2023.
- Conversations regarding a joint Planning Commission-Transportation Commission task force are beginning, and the process to appoint Commission members is forthcoming.
- Two dates have been added to the Home In Tacoma engagement open houses.

Commissioner Steele reported out on progress of the Facilities Advisory Committee.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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