

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Conference Room 16

March 26, 2014

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker.

Chair Mello introduced Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office, who will be the new staff liaison for this Committee.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2014

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Growing Transit Communities Initiative

At approximately 4:45 p.m., Chair Mello and Ian Munce, Planning and Development Services, provided opening remarks. Ben Bakkenta, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Program Manager, reviewed next steps featuring a three year implementation process of the PSRC's regional plan, including corridor-based planning, regional equity network, affordable housing strategy, and demonstration projects relating to the Growing Transit Communities (GTC) Compact. Mr. Bakkenta reviewed goals, the GTC Compact, current Compact signatories, the toolkit of strategies and actions, implementation of typology, work plan, and staffing. Discussion ensued regarding strategy, the GTC Compact, current actions/initiatives, station area planning, innovative parking tools, infrastructure and public realm investments, affordable housing, Sound Transit link stations, GTC Compact members and public agency signatories, funding, and housing. Chair Mello requested staff review the PSRC's toolkit of strategies and actions and start implementing, and provide a summary of actions and next steps.

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

At approximately 5:18 p.m., Mike Slevin, Environmental Services (ES) Director, provided opening remarks and a review of the Stormwater Management Manual (SWMM) history. Mr. Slevin then reviewed proposed changes to the SWMM including permit requirements, clarity of language, and changes to address specific City of Tacoma requirements. Mr. Slevin and Lorna Mauren, ES, reviewed hydrology, including flow control, fresh water creeks/streams, and flood and leaching. Ms. Mauren reviewed minimum requirements relating to flow control exemption and non-flow control exemption, and downstream infrastructure. Mieke Hoppin, ES, reviewed Local Improvement District feasible requirements. Ms. Mauren and Mr. Slevin reviewed city modeling efforts and future opportunities relating to in-lieu of detention/treatment

and watershed planning. Ms. Mauren provided additional information relating to in-lieu of detention at Joe's Creek and Flett Watershed, in-lieu of treatment throughout Tacoma Watersheds, watershed planning, and a final summary. Discussion ensued regarding the Department of Ecology's requirements, hydrology, watersheds, residential versus commercial requirements, and land-use code build outs.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Stoltman stated the next meeting will be April 9, 2014 with presentations relating to the Transportation Master Plan and parking system initiatives. She stated the meeting of April 23, 2014 will have presentations relating to green resolutions and Planning and Development Services 2014 Annual Amendments.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was/adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office