



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

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December 11, 2024

4:30 PM

Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair Olgy Diaz, John Hines,
Sandesh Sadalge, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Diaz, Sadalge and Walker

Absent: 1 - Hines

Vice Chair Diaz participated virtually.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

1. [24-1304](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 24, 2024.
2. [24-1341](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, August 14, 2024.

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, and August 14, 2024, meetings.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Diaz.

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

Ayes: 3 - Diaz, Sadalge and Walker

Absent: 1 - Hines

Briefing Items

3. [24-1306](#) Consideration and Recommendation of Incumbents to the Landmarks Preservation Commission
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Nicole Emery, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will review two applications for individuals seeking reappointment to the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Staff recommends the Committee consider the reappointment of Jennifer Sullivan and George Zeno based on their prior Commission experience along with their updated applications. Emery continued that in addition to these two positions, there is one additional opening for an architect, however no qualified applications were received, and that position will remain vacant.

The Committee reviewed the applications for Jennifer Sullivan and George Zeno.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the applicants, and applicants that have previously interviewed who are architects.

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to recommend the reappointment of Jennifer Sullivan to the “At-Large 2” position on the Landmarks Preservation Commission, to serve a three-year term effective January 1, 2025, to expire December 31, 2027.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Diaz.

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

Ayes: 3 - Diaz, Sadalge and Walker

Absent: 1 - Hines

MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to recommend the reappointment of George Zeno to the “At-Large 3” position on the Landmarks Preservation Commission, to serve a three-year term effective January 1, 2025, to expire December 31, 2027.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Diaz.

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

Ayes: 3 - Diaz, Sadalge and Walker

Absent: 1 - Hines

4. [24-1307](#) Vision Zero Inaugural Progress Report
[Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner; Grayson Reim, Vision Zero Coordinator, Public Works]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Josh Diekmann, Transportation Division Manager, Public Works, provided opening remarks and introduced Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, and Grayson Reim, Vision Zero Coordinator, Public Works. Together Wilhelme and Reim presented the Vision Zero inaugural progress report, including agenda, noting providing a progress report annually to the City Council, Transportation Commission, and public; Vision Zero overview, noting safe system approach; the City Council's adoption of a Vision Zero resolution in 2020, noting zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2035; Tacoma crash trends; crash fatality comparison, noting from 2019-2023 across Washington cities and counties; killed or seriously injured (KSI) crashes by mode 2019-2023, noting bicyclist, motorcyclist, motorist, and pedestrian; equity; progress, noting speed limit reduction, monthly crash report, dedicated position, data dashboard, road safety audits, and statewide traffic safety legislation; partnerships; challenges, noting improving high-risk intersections; and the look ahead, noting a 2023 grant awarded to the City for planning engagement and design for Portland Avenue starting in 2025.

Discussion ensued regarding the increased KSI crash rates, decrease in crashes across other major Washington cities, limitations with Pacific Avenue being a state highway, Portland Avenue design, increase in budget for program, sidewalk funding, automated cameras, Washington State Traffic Commission and Pierce County traffic position partnership, lower speeds in five business districts, regional funding with Puget Sound Regional Council, and the automated enforcement expansion program.

5. [24-1308](#) Solid Waste Development Manual Update
[Corey Newton, P.E., Site and Building Division Manager, Planning and Development Services; Andrew Torres, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services]

At approximately 5:11 p.m., Corey Newton, P.E., Site and Building Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, and Andrew Torres, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services, presented the solid waste development manual update, including an overview; background, noting what the manual is, and who it is for; shared service standards, noting a two-unit houseplex, step-by-step waste volume calculation, and shared solid waste services; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the manual publication date of February 2025,

who uses the manual, enforcement and permitting, allocated spaces not impacting neighboring spaces, glass recycling, engagement with developers, exception process, Nuisance Code, development size requirements, shared services, and planned updates to the manual.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [24-1309](#) December 25, 2024 - Canceled
 January 8, 2025 - To Be Determined
 January 22, 2025 - Wastewater and Stormwater Comprehensive Plan Update;
 South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code
 Update

Anna Le, Committee Liaison, stated the December 25, 2024, and January 8, 2025, meetings will be canceled, and the January 22, 2025, meeting will include the election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair, an update on the Wastewater and Stormwater Comprehensive plan, and a code update on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District.

Chair Walker provided background regarding the January 8, 2025, cancelled meeting.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Kristina Walker, Chair

Kimberly Kerby, City Clerk's Office