



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 862 2723 4162
Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/86227234162 Passcode: 614650
August 24, 2022
4:30 PM

Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair John Hines, Olgy Diaz,
Catherine Ushka, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Diaz, Hines and Walker

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Council Member Diaz participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0925](#) Board of Building Appeals Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing two applicants for the Board of Building Appeals, and one additional interview has been scheduled for the September 14, 2022, meeting for Ben Ferguson, who is out of the country. She concluded by stating there are two positions available, including one Architect position, to fill an unexpired term, and one Mechanical/Plumbing Contractor position, to serve a five-year term.

The Committee interviewed James Dugan and Konnie Wells.

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (IPS) Committee recessed at 4:57 p.m.

The IPS Committee reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the duties, composition, work, meeting frequency, and needs of the Board; and the applicants' qualifications.

MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Konnie Wells to the Board of Building Appeals "Position 7 - Mechanical/Plumbing Contractor" to serve a five-year term, effective September 1, 2022, to expire August 31, 2027.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Diaz.

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

Ayes: 3 - Diaz, Hines and Walker

Absent: 1 - Ushka

2. [22-0926](#)

Pacific Avenue Corridor Study

[Wesley Rhodes, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:10 p.m., Wesley Rhodes, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services, presented the Pacific Avenue Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (corridor study), including an agenda, current work, the environmental review, the purpose of the study, the geography of the study area, major project elements, community engagement, the Action Mapping Project, the timeline and milestones, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding how the study fits in with the Home in Tacoma (HIT) Project, subarea plans versus corridor studies, connection with other projects and entities, traffic issues and impacts of development, addressing Americans with Disabilities Act concerns in public transit, and community engagement and public feedback.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [22-0928](#)

September 14, 2022 - Pierce Conservation District Update; Urban Forest Tree Preservation and Food Tree Ordinances

September 28, 2022 - Sustainable Tacoma Commission’s Annual Report; Transfer of Development Rights Update; Accessory Dwelling Unit Update

October 12, 2022 - Home In Tacoma - Phase 2; Capital Facilities Program

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be held on September 14, 2022, and will include an additional interview for the Board of Building Appeals, and updates on the Pierce Conservation District and urban forest tree preservation and food tree ordinances; the September 28, 2022, meeting will include updates on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission's (STC) annual report,

the transfer of development rights, and Accessory Dwelling Units; and the October 12, 2022, meeting will include updates on the HIT Project Phase 2 and the Capital Facilities Program.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Walker stated that she attended the August 18, 2022, meeting of the STC, where they also received an update on the corridor study.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Kristina Walker, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office