



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 878 2905 6704

Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/87829056704 Passcode: 614650

October 25, 2023

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Diaz, Walker and Bushnell

Absent: 2 - Hines and Ushka

Council Member Hines arrived at 4:34 p.m.

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Council Member Hines arrived here, at 4:34 p.m.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard from:

1. Tom Giske, speaking on tree canopy.
2. John Miles, speaking on parking.
3. Courtney Davis, speaking on Home in Tacoma plan.
4. Georgette Reuter, speaking on tree canopy.
5. Michaelae, speaking on Schuster Parkway trail and bayside slope.
6. Curt Anderson, speaking on Schuster Parkway trail and bayside slope.

Briefing Items

1. [23-1022](#)

Schuster Parkway Trail Update

[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services;
Basel Kitmitto, Project Manager, Public Works Engineering]

At approximately 4:46 p.m., Basel Kitmitto, Project Manager, Public Works, began with opening remarks and introduced Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS). Atkinson presented the Schuster Parkway trail update, including the agenda; background and context, noting the Dome to Defiance Trail; future vision; preferred planning concept; and how we got here. Kitmitto concluded by explaining the request for

qualifications (RFQ), RFQ schedule, funding status, next steps for Public Works, and stakeholders.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding funds for 2023-2025 and 2029-2033; adequate funding for construction; trail elevation; paved trails versus natural trails; at-grade and flyover crossings; statement for the project; RFQ and previous studies; previous studies of access to the water; and collaborating with stakeholders.

2. [23-1023](#) Home In Tacoma Project - Phase 2: Parking, Landscaping, and Bonuses [Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:24 p.m., Brian Boudet, Division Manager, PDS, began with opening remarks and provided an update on the Home in Tacoma (HiT) Phase 2 project, including the objectives. Elliot Barnett, Senior Planner, PDS, continued with review of major HiT topics, including parking, noting policy; background; proposed parking standards; and reduced parking area; landscaping, noting high community priority; residential areas being critical to meeting tree canopy goal; benchmarking and what other cities are doing; the tress “Credits” concept and visual comparison; increased soil volumes; affordability; and anti-displacement, noting bonuses program and observations; recommended public benefits; and other public benefits considered.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding affordable housing; parking and zoning; credits concept; soil volumes; tree preservation on builder's lots; parking at a transit station; mandates versus prohibited guidelines; electric bikes and bike parking; flexibility with landscaping, noting removal and replanting of trees and tree canopy; affordability; long term parking; modeling parking around transit; enforcement of soil requirements; combined effort from developers to develop a tree canopy; incentive program for tree development; overlay public services; anti-displacement measures; family size dwellings in bonus program; transit corridor fee; and additional tree code policies.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [23-1024](#) November 8, 2023 - Vision Zero Update, Active Transportation Update
November 22, 2023 - Cancelled
December 13, 2023 - Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews,
Planning Commission Annual Report
and Work Program Update

Cathy Satava, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on November 8, 2023, and will include a Vision Zero and active Transportation update, and Landmarks Preservation Commission recommendation for Tacoma Register of Historic Places consideration for Gault Middle School; the November 22, 2023, meeting is cancelled; and the December 13, 2023, meeting will be the last meeting of the year and will include Landmarks Preservation Commission interviews, and the Planning Commissions annual report and Work Program update.

Other Items of Interest

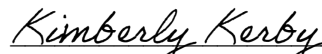
There was no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Kristina Walker, Chair



Kimberly Kerby, City Clerk's Office