



Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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

December 11, 2013

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Ibsen (arrived at 4:42 p.m.)

Approval of minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2013

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Walker. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Open Space Current Use Assessment

At approximately 4:41 p.m., Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Environmental Services (ES), reviewed the transfer of open space land to the Environmental Services Department.

Council Member Ibsen arrived here, at 4:42 p.m.

Geoffrey Smyth, ES, reviewed background information on the Open Space Program, Open Space Habitat and Recreation Policy, Urban Forest Policy, and passive open spaces. Marina Becker, Metro Parks Tacoma (MPT), reviewed the interlocal agreement between the City of Tacoma and MPT. Mr. Smyth defined active and passive space, and reviewed open space progress. Joe Brady, MPT, reviewed MPT's mission, open space management, established partnerships, and maintenance services. Mr. Smyth then reviewed unmanaged and managed open spaces, the funding strategy, and future steps. Discussion ensued regarding criteria for future projects, budget funding, volunteer collaboration, and MPT involvement. Council Member Walker requested information regarding the state of the tree canopy in People's Park.

Solid Waste Management Voluntary Oil Collection and Recycle Program

At approximately 5:19 p.m., Mr. Slevin made opening remarks regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's case of illegal dumping in Tacoma. Gary Kato, Public Works, reviewed the history of transfer station recycling centers, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) contamination, the Toxic Substances Control Act, City violations, disposal and regulatory liability, and current actions taken by the City. Mr. Kato continued to review long term options and tank testing. Discussion ensued regarding illegal dumping, PCB tank findings, federal and state regulations, remote tanks, and public notification.

Sustainable Tacoma Commission Greenhouse Gas Inventory

At approximately 5:40 p.m., Kristi Lynett, City Manager's Office, reviewed the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventories, and compared historical data for reduction goals, estimated emissions, and emission sources. Ms. Lynett continued to review GHG emissions in 2012, consumption-based inventories, next steps, and the City's efforts and action plan. Discussion ensued regarding emission sources, types of transportation, ways to reduce emissions, achievable goals based on state regulations, tax revenues, consumption-based inventories, and taxable options. Council Member Walker requested more information on the comparison between previously studied years and other cities who have conducted inventories.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Carmen White, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting will be on January 8, 2014 with presentations on transportation equity, the Transportation Master Plan update, Sustainable Tacoma Commission's 2013 accomplishments, and the proposed 2014 work plan for Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability.

Other Items of Interest

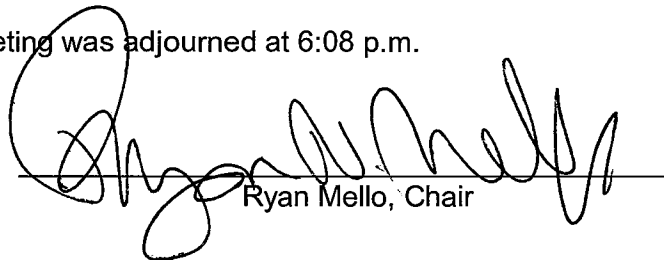
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment


None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office