



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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September 22, 2021

4:30 PM

Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Kristina Walker, Chris Beale,
Lillian Hunter, Catherine Ushka (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

Absent: 1 - Beale

Council Member Beale arrived at 4:40 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0912](#) Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Strategy Update
[Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer;
Beth Jarot, Resilient & Green Building Specialist, Environmental Services]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Jim Parvey, Environmental Policy and Sustainability Division Manager, Environmental Services, provided opening remarks and introduced Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability. Ms. Lynett presented the Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Strategy update, including the climate emergency; and what's new and old, noting the community plan, technical appendices, and Climate Adaptation Strategy.

Council Member Beale arrived here, at 4:40 p.m.

LaTasha Wortham, Regional Relations Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), provided comments on the collaborative effort between the General Government and TPU divisions, incorporating equity into the current Climate Action Plan, accountability, and work TPU has done on the

Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Lynett continued by reviewing community input; examples of actions connecting the Plan with City Council priority areas, noting equity, health, jobs, housing, and safety; jump start actions; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding budget requests, decarbonization studies, the scope and timeline goals for the Plan, outreach to the senior community, working with Sister Cities and other municipalities, taking out trees on roads during construction, the Sunrise Movement organization, increasing success and scope of community outreach, assessing goals and metrics of the Plan, goals and metrics carried over from the Environmental Action Plan, and next steps.

2. [21-0913](#)

Home in Tacoma Review

[Peter Huffman, Director; Brian Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:28 p.m., Peter Huffman, Director, and Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented the Home in Tacoma Project, including meeting objectives; proposed scope and schedule; examples of what mid-scale multi-family looks like; the mid-scale map and Planning Commission criteria; and the Planning Commission recommendation. He further reviewed potential alterations to the mid-scale map, including the options of no new mid-scale; high-frequency transit routes, noting the example of 6th Avenue; adding transitions around designated Centers, noting Procter Center and McKinley Center; and adding transitions around Neighborhood Commercial Nodes along transit, noting various examples. He concluded by reviewing questions and feedback, design policies, proposed missing middle design principles, standards for compatibility with residential patterns, standards to reflect differences in neighborhood design and scale, examples of incompatibility, infill design and public comment, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for bringing this topic to the full City Council, Committee Members' stances on the map options as presented, approving low-scale zoning immediately and phasing in mid-scale zoning, the differences between the map options, design recommendations and standards, phases of design and implementation, building trust with the community, high frequency transit routes, implementing a design review board, allowances in mid-scale zoning, parking, impacts of population growth, transition between zoning areas, and next steps.

