



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 22, 2015

4:30 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair David Boe,
Anders Ibsen, Lauren Walker, Marty Campbell (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 4 - Ibsen, Mello, Walker and Campbell

Absent: 1 - Boe

Briefing Items

1. 15-0424 Bee and Pollinator Support
[Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Environmental Services]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Kristi Lynett, Office of Environment Policy and Sustainability (OEPS), reviewed bee and pollinator support, including pollinators, threats, pesticides, outreach and education, legislation relative to bee apiaries, City pesticide usage, planting, and next steps. Emily Campbell, OEPS, reviewed neonicotinoids usage on plants. Discussion ensued regarding the use of insecticides in the City, beekeeping, addressing the use of neonicotinoids, collapse of bee apiaries, and bans on neonicotinoids.

Council Member Ibsen requested this topic be brought forward to the Joint Municipal Action Committee, or through the City's legislative agenda. Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, reviewed the discussion held with Metro Parks Tacoma and the Tacoma Public School District regarding the use of neonicotinoids. Chair Mello stated he will leave this topic to Council Members Campbell and Walker to bring forward any future legislation regarding insecticides usage.

Public comment was heard from Franclyn Heinecke, Pierce County Beekeeper Association, regarding beekeeping.

Council Member Walker requested EnviroNews do a television segment on beekeeping and insecticides that can be used in lieu of neonicotinoids. Council Member Campbell requested information be shared regularly on TV Tacoma's Channel 12.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [15-0425](#) May 13, 2015 - Applicant interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission

Ms. Gallagher stated the next meeting is May 13, 2015 with interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the Transportation Master Plan presentation in June.

Other Items of Interest

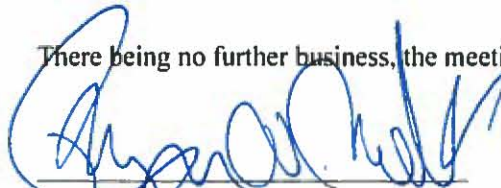
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Nicole Emery, City Clerk's Office