



Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

July 24, 2013

Vice Chair Boe called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Mello, and Campbell (arrived at 4:42 p.m.).

Approval of July 10, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Walker moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews

At approximately 4:36 p.m. City Clerk Doris Sorum provided background information on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission; and provided comments on the process for today's interviews.

The Committee interviewed David Bart for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

Deputy Mayor Campbell arrived here, at 4:42 p.m.

The Committee then interviewed the following applicants:

Kenneth James Campbell
Christine Cooley
Lynda Foster
Alyssa Illich
Bob Myrick

Vice Chair Boe called on Kristin Lynett, Office of Sustainability, to speak to the current Commission needs in terms of having a well-rounded commission. Ms. Lynett stated she is looking for someone who has the time, can think critically and look at the big picture, and get along well with others.

The Committee then interviewed the following applicants:

Carol Shiflett
Agnes Pate (youth)
Daemien Zarapkar (youth)

Discussion ensued regarding the candidates' qualifications, the youth position, and the number of appointments to be made tonight. Ms. Sorum stated the youth must be at least 16 years old. Vice Chair Boe noted Dr. Jane Moore is currently on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and was just appointed to the Transportation Commission. Ms. Sorum stated Dr. Moore may need to resign from the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. City Manager T.C. Broadnax suggested postponing this item while Ms. Sorum retrieves information regarding the youth position. Vice Chair Boe stated this topic will be re-visited after the next meeting item.

Open Space Current Use Assessment

Ian Munce, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided opening remarks regarding the Sands' application for the Open Space Current Use Assessment, noting a public hearing has been scheduled for July 30, 2013. Cheri Gibbons, PDS, reviewed the assessment including, the Sands' property, the Growth Management Act, the Comprehensive Plan, the application review criteria in Tacoma Municipal Code Section 13.08.040, applications considered jointly with the Pierce County Public Benefit Rating System, the use assessment program, and the Planning Commission recommendations. Vice Chair Boe stated this issue does not need to come back to this Committee after the public hearing. Deputy Mayor Campbell suggested staff forward the presentation to Council Member Lonergan since the property is in his district.

Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews (continued)

Discussion continued regarding the youth position, including whether an additional position should be added or an existing position will be filled with a youth candidate as vacancies occur; and the number of positions to be filled. Deputy Mayor Campbell inquired whether individuals are allowed to serve on more than one committee or commission. Ms. Sorum stated she is researching the issue. Discussion continued regarding the number of positions to be filled, including the youth appointment, the reappointment, and a potential additional vacancy if Dr. Moore resigns; and the candidates, including their strengths, experience, and districts represented.

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to recommend the reappointment of Carol Shiflett to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission for a term to expire on April 30, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Alyssa Illich to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission for a term to expire on April 30, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Discussion ensued regarding the remaining candidates to fill the final vacancy, which is a one-year term. Ms. Sorum stated the position is a vacancy so the new appointee would be completing the term. Discussion continued regarding the youth position, including whether an additional position should be added or an existing position will be filled with a youth candidate as vacancies occur, and whether a position must be filled with a youth candidate or it is simply an option should the candidate be adequately qualified. Mr. Broadnax stated staff can seek clarification from Council regarding the youth position, and Vice Chair Boe requested the issue be discussed at study session next week.

Vice Chair Boe moved to recommend the appointments to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, as vacancies become available, in the following order: Christine Cooley, Lynda Foster, and Ken Campbell. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Agnes Pate to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, if available and qualified as a youth appointment. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Deputy Mayor Campbell requested a review of the interview process to ensure staff does not have to attend the interviews prior to presenting their item. Mr. Broadnax stated interviews will be scheduled after staff presentations, or if there are a significant amount of interviews no staff presentations will be scheduled. Discussion ensued regarding management and refinement of the interview process.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Carmen White, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is on August 14, 2013, and there will be an update on the Rain Gardens Program and the Planning Divisions 2013-2015 work program.

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 6:25 p.m.



David Boe, Vice Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office