



MINUTES

(Approved on August 6, 2025)

MEETING: Regular Meeting (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair), Anthony Steele (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dörner, Brett Marlo, Matthew Martenson, Jordan Rash, Payton Swinford

ABSENT: Robb Krehbiel

A. Call to Order

Chair Karnes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Chair Karnes read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Staff requested to postpone the Tideflats discussion item until March 19th.

Vice-Chair Steele moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Dörner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

There were no meeting minutes to approve.

D. Public Comments

One written comment was received regarding the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan.

The following individuals addressed the Planning Commission:

1. Kit Burns
2. Heidi Stephens
3. Cathie Urwin

Public comment ended at 5:09 p.m.

E. Disclosure of Contacts and Recusals

There were no disclosures of contacts or recusals.

F. Discussion Item

1. Tideflats Subarea Plan and EIS

This item was postponed until March 19, 2025.

2. South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan

Lauren Hoogkamer, Principal Planner, and Anneka Olson, Senior Planner, presented including, a program update, lessons learned, background, policy alignment and coordination, methodology, engagement summary, recommendations, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding historic district nominations, a business improvement area, the neighborhood planning area boundaries, regulatory agencies, the Sounder connections, implementation of the actions.

3. Work Program

Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, outlined the mid-cycle check-in, including the programs that will no longer be seen, new items upcoming items, and the Commission's tentative schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding the 2026 Amendment Package, hot button issues returning to the Commission, and Home In Tacoma.

H. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the March 5, 2025, meeting includes:

- South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Update
- One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Update – Public Hearing
- Minor Amendments – Public Hearing

(2) Agenda for the March 19, 2025, meeting includes:

- Tideflats Subarea Plan and EIS
- South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Update
- One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Update – Debrief

I. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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