



# City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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**March 09, 2022**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair John Hines, Conor McCarthy,  
Catherine Ushka, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

## Call To Order

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

## Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [22-0302](#) Approval of the minutes of the October 27, 2021 meeting.
2. [22-0303](#) Approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to approve the minutes of the October 27 and November 10, 2021, meetings.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

## Briefing Items

3. [22-0304](#) Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they would be interviewing one applicant for the

Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC), following STC interviews held at the February 23, 2022, meeting, where the Committee interviewed Matthew Benedict, Evlondo Cooper, Casey McManus, Kendra Stauffer, Laura Svancarek, and Nikie Walters. She further stated there are six positions available, consisting of five member positions and one youth position.

The Committee interviewed Brett Marlo.

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recessed at 4:45 p.m.

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee reconvened at 4:48 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding applicant qualifications, the composition of the Commission, and the creation of a short list for future vacancies.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Kendra Stauffer to the "Youth" position on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to serve a one-year term, effective May 1, 2022, to expire April 30, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Matthew Benedict to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective May 1, 2022, to expire April 30, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Evlondo Cooper and Nikie Walters to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to serve three-year terms, effective May 1, 2022, to expire April 30, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Brett Marlo and Laura Svancarek to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to fill unexpired terms to expire April 30, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend Casey McManus as the first person on the short list for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, which will be effective until January 1, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

4. [22-0305](#)

2022 Annual Amendment

[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 4:59 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services, provided opening remarks and presented the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, including an agenda; the 2022 amendment docket; the 2022 amendment process timeline; public engagement; applications, noting the NewCold, South Sound Christian schools, South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) or South Sound Tacoma Economic Green Zone, and minor amendment applications; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the amendment process, the minor amendments, regulations for the number of people living in a house, the definitions of the

terms household versus family used in the Tacoma Municipal Code, sign codes for residential neighborhoods, outlining the phases of the STGPD project, and how the public can ask questions about the amendments.

5. [22-0306](#) Transportation Commission Annual Update  
[Carrie Wilhelme, Senior Transportation Planner, Public Works;  
Gerrit Nyland, Co-Chair; Bruce Morris, Co-Chair, Transportation Commission]

At approximately 5:35 p.m., Carrie Wilhelme, Senior Transportation Planner, Public Works, provided opening remarks and introduced Gerrit Nyland, Co-Chair, Transportation Commission (TC). Together, they presented the TC annual update, including an overview; the purpose of the Commission; members; 2021 accomplishments; 2022 work plan items, noting agency and Commission coordination; Commission involvement; and discussion and direction.

Discussion ensued regarding public transit improvements, micromobility and mobility infrastructure, the Portland Avenue corridor, tree canopy coverage in the City, the Pacific Avenue corridor, and the Committee's appreciation for the Commission's work.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [22-0307](#) March 23, 2022 - Downtown to Defiance: Schuster Parkway Project;  
Six Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program  
Annual Amendment  
April 13, 2022 - Occidental Cleanup Site Update;  
Home in Tacoma - Phase 2 Work Program Input

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on March 23, 2022, and will include updates on the Downtown to Defiance: Schuster Parkway Promenade project and the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program annual amendment, and that the April 13, 2022, meeting will include updates on the Occidental Petroleum Site Cleanup and the Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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Kristina Walker, Chair

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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office