



# City of Tacoma

## Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 878 2905 6704

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**May 24, 2023**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair Olgy Diaz, John Hines,  
Catherine Ushka, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

### Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Diaz, Walker and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Hines

Chair Walker, Council Member Diaz, and Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

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Council Member Hines arrived here at 4:34 p.m.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0528](#) Approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2023, meeting.
2. [23-0529](#) Approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2023, meeting.

**MOTION: Council Member Diaz moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, and the February 8, 2023, meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

## Briefing Items

3. [23-0522](#) Planning Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing seven applicants for the Planning Commission, including Christopher Karnes and Anthony Steele, who are seeking reappointment; and that there are currently four positions available, noting Development Community; Public Transportation; District No. 1; and District No. 4.

The Committee interviewed Christopher Karnes, Anthony Steele, Ross Griffith, Eric Herde, Michael Lafreniere, Jordan Rash, and Sandesh Sadalge.

The Committee meeting recessed at 5:50 p.m.

The Committee meeting reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding applicants' qualifications.

**MOTION: Council Member Diaz moved to recommend the reappointment of Anthony Steele to the "Development Community" position on the Planning Commission to serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2023, to expire June 30, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**MOTION: Council Member Diaz moved to recommend the reappointment of Christopher Karnes to the "Public Transportation" position on the Planning Commission to serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2023, to expire June 30, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**MOTION: Council Member Diaz moved to recommend the appointment of Jordan Rash to the "District No. 1" position on the Planning Commission to serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2023, to expire June 30, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

**MOTION: Council Member Diaz moved to recommend the appointment of Sandesh Sadalge to the "District No. 4" position on the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term, to expire June 30, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

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

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

4. [23-0523](#) June 14, 2023 - EnviroChallengers Briefing; Urban Design Program;  
Dog Barking Ordinance
- June 28, 2023 - Comprehensive Wastewater Plan; Stormwater Plan;  
Decarbonization Resolution
- July 12, 2023 - Vision Zero; Multi-Modal Transportation; Tree Code Policy

Cathy Satava, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be June 14, 2023, and will include EnviroChallengers briefing, urban Design update, and the dog barking ordinance discussion; June 28, 2023, will include the comprehensive wastewater plan, stormwater plan, and the decarbonization resolution update; and the July 12, 2023, meeting will include a Vision Zero update, the multi-modal update including the unfit unsafe sidewalk update and an update on the tree policy.

## **Other Items of Interest**

There was other items of interest.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m..

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Kristina Walker, Chair

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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office