



# City of Tacoma

## Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

January 25, 2017

4:30 PM

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Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair Anders Ibsen,  
Conor McCarthy, Robert Thoms, Keith Blocker (alternate)

### Call To Order

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

**Present:** 3 - Mello, Ibsen and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

Deputy Mayor Thoms arrived at 5:37 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [17-0078](#) Prairie Line Historical Interpretation Project  
[Elliott Barnett, Planner, PDS]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Elliott Barnett, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided an overview of the Prairie Line Trail Interpretive Project, including background information, project area, and trail status. Samantha Kelly, Tacoma Art Museum, discussed vision and stakeholders. Aneka Olson, PDS, reviewed the interpretive strategy and Amy McBride, Community and Economic Development, discussed public art as interpretation and reviewed past work of the artists chosen for the project.

Discussion ensued regarding location of the trail, support for the project, interactive artwork, potential monuments, and the status of right-of-way acquisition for the project.

2. [17-0079](#) Street Occupancy Permit and Permitting Process Improvements  
[Peter Huffman, Director, PDS]

At approximately 5:06 p.m., Peter Huffman, Director, PDS, provided an overview of permitting, code, and process improvements, including completed items, performance bonds, a fee-in-lieu program for off-site improvements, and right of way occupancy permits.

Discussion ensued regarding permitting violations, policies, offsite improvements, and permitting requirements.

Deputy Mayor Thoms arrived here, at 5:37 p.m.

Mr. Huffman continued by reviewing plans for future discussions, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the process, and contributions to the process.

Public comment was heard from:

1. Michael Fast, Master Builders Association of Pierce County, regarding offsite improvements, bonding requirements, and process improvements.
2. Bill Sager, Master Builders Association of Pierce County, regarding bonding requirements, a fee-in-lieu program, and right of way occupancy permits.
3. Jeremiah LaFranca, Master Builders Association of Pierce County, regarding offsite improvements.

Discussion continued regarding process improvements, marketing, current infrastructure, and bonding requirements.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [17-0080](#) February 8, 2017-Modifications to TMC code for FEMA flood insurance rate map, street occupancy permit update

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on February 8, 2017, and topics will include proposed Tacoma Municipal Code modifications to incorporate Federal Emergency Management Agency flood insurance rate map changes, and an update on street occupancy permits.

## Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ibsen stated he would be interested in hearing an update on the Historic Rehabilitation and Repair Loan Program. Council Member McCarthy stated he would be interested in creating a working group to work together on commercial development issues.

## **Public Comment**

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Ryan Mello, Chair

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Amanda Punsalan, City Clerk's Office