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COPY: Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Members

SUBJECT: Consideration and Recommendation of Applicants to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission

DATE: June 28, 2017

SUMMARY:

On April 12, 2017, the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee met and interviewed several candidates for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

After interviewing the candidates, Christina Cooley was reappointed, and Tamelia Sheree Cooks, Chris Karnes, and Jaclyn Layton were appointed to the Commission.

In early May, another vacancy occurred on the Commission. Chair Mello requested the applicants, who were interviewed, but not recommended on April 12, 2017, and still interested, be reconsidered for this additional vacancy. This resulted in the recommendation of the appointment of Colin McCann to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission at the June 27, 2017 City Council meeting.

Subsequently, we have had another vacancy occur on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission in June.

Below is a list of the applicants interviewed on April 12, 2017 for your reconsideration this evening:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Matthew Benedict	3
Todd Hay	1

BACKGROUND:

The Sustainable Tacoma Commission works with the Office of Sustainability, which is responsible for implementing the strategies in the Climate Action Plan and measuring the city's progress as it reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Both the Office and the Commission were created by a City Council resolution in October 2008.

The Sustainable Tacoma Commission consists of eleven members appointed by the City Council. Membership is a balanced representation of stakeholders, such as the environmental community, small business, labor, housing, industry and port, transportation, education, building industry, and residents.



The Commission oversees implementation of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan as the City and community reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is intended to bring citizen accountability, transparency, and vigilance to the long-term implementation of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan, as developed by the Green Ribbon Climate Action Task Force.

ISSUE:

One position needs to be filled.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission will continue to operate without full membership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recommend the appointment of one member to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, which would be forwarded to the full City Council on July 18, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS:

Sustainable Tacoma Commission applications
Current Roster