



# City of Tacoma

## Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 862 2723 4162 Passcode: 614650

Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/86227234162](https://www.zoom.us/j/86227234162)

**September 23, 2020**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Chris Beale, Lillian Hunter,  
Kristina Walker, Catherine Ushka (alternate)

### Call To Order

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

### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [20-0611](#) Environmental Action Plan Progress Report  
[Jim Parvey, Division Manager; Kristin Lynett, Sustainability Officer,  
Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Kristin Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, presented the Environmental Action Plan progress report, including background; strengths and opportunities in the current plan; and 2019 progress and opportunities for improvement within the areas of natural systems, air and local food, buildings and energy, transportation, material management, and climate adaptation and preparedness. She further presented an outline of the City Council's Climate Emergency resolution adopted December 10, 2019, phases for updating the new action plan, enhanced community engagement, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding tree canopy growth, fossil fuels related to the Tideflats Subarea Plan, financial enhancement for outreach, the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Right-of-Way Pilot Program, biking infrastructure, trees included in the tree canopy count, electric vehicles, biking and pedestrian events and facilities, the capital improvement program, opportunities for improvement, removing barriers, and executing impactful policies.

2. [20-0612](#) Building/Development Code and Community Engagement Enhancement  
[Corey Newton, Division Manager, Site and Building Division]

At approximately 5:28 p.m., Corey Newton, Site and Building Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented the proposed Building and Development Code amendments and community engagement enhancements, including goals; a summary of the project; the progress of enhancements, noting the implementation of project signs and a notice of construction email; steps in streamlining the development code; administrative authority enhancements; other code changes; evaluation and outreach; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding public notifications; project signs; engaging Safe Streets for outreach and feedback; the Grand Pacific Apartments project; Resolution No. 40443, related to neighborhood engagement and protection standards for construction projects; the Uniform Enforcement Code; and bringing the proposed changes back to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee for further review.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [20-0613](#) October 14, 2020 - Water Quality and Fish Habitat Preservation

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on October 14, 2020, and will include a discussion on water quality and fish habitat preservation.

## 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 5:58 p.m.

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Conor McCarthy, Chair

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Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office