



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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January 13, 2021

4:30 PM

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 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [21-0056](#) Approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2020 special meeting

MOTION: Chair McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 special meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

Briefing Items

2. [21-0055](#) Election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to re-elect Council Member McCarthy as Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee for 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to elect Council Member Walker as Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee for 2021.

SECONDED BY: Chair McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

3. [21-0057](#) Board of Building Appeals Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:39 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will be interviewing two applicants for the Board of Building Appeals, and that there are two positions available on the Board, including the Mechanical Engineer and Structural Engineer positions. Chair McCarthy provided background regarding the Board and other positions.

Discussion ensued regarding applicant eligibility.

The Committee interviewed James Collins and Michael Tagles.

Discussion continued regarding applicants' qualifications.

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of James Collins to the Board of Building Appeals to "Position 5 - Structural Engineer" to fill an unexpired term to expire August 31, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Chair McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Michael Tagles to the Board of Building Appeals to "Position 6 - Mechanical Engineer" to fill an unexpired term to expire August 31, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

4. [21-0058](#) Landmarks Preservation Commission Recommendation for Historic Designation of 201 North Yakima Avenue
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:01 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services, introduced Kevin Bartoy, Chair, Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC); Marshall McClintock, Member, and Michael Sullivan, Advisor, Board of Historic Tacoma; Jessica Clawson, Attorney, McCullough Hill Leary; and Ellen Mirro, Architectural Historian, Studio TJP. Mr. McKnight presented the LPC recommendations to place 201 North Yakima Avenue, known as the Wahlgren Florist Shop, onto the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, including an overview; background; issues; a health, equity, and sustainability analysis; outreach, noting public comments; next steps; and recommendations.

Together, Ms. Clawson and Ms. Mirro presented the property owner's protests, including background, landmark criteria, threshold criteria, and designation criteria.

Together, Mr. McClintock and Mr. Sullivan presented Historic Tacoma's agreements with the LPC recommendations, including building integrity, associations with Tacoma's history and communities, possibilities for

development next to the parcel, and recognizing historical stories and their relevance to Tacoma.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the nomination process and LPC research process, history of the Wahlgren building, original building details versus those that were remodeled, possible compromises within a Mixed-Use Center context, use requirements if the building is put on the registry, construction plans if the building is not put on the registry, demolition of historic landmarks, incorporating historic landmarks into Mixed-Use Centers, why the Wahlgren building was nominated, potential development of housing at the site, and getting input from the full City Council.

MOTION: Chair McCarthy moved to confer with the recommendations of the Landmarks Preservation Commission and forward them to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [21-0059](#) January 27, 2021 - TBD
February 10, 2021 - Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews
February 24, 2021 - Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews; Electric Vehicle Action Plan Updates

Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be held on January 27, 2021, with topics to be determined; the meeting on February 10, 2021, will include Landmarks Preservation Commission interviews; and the meeting on February 24, 2021, will include Sustainable Tacoma Commission interviews and an update on the Electric Vehicle Action Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding other possible future topics.

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 6:36 p.m.

Conor McCarthy, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office