



# City of Tacoma

## Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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**February 24, 2021**

**4:30 PM**

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

### Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Hunter

All Council Members participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [21-0191](#) Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:43 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing three applicants for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission; that Alexandra Brewer, Tony Ivey, and Katin Kendrena were all seeking reappointment and provided written responses; and that Kenra Brewer and Luisa Moya have withdrawn their applications. She further stated there will be five positions vacant, effective May 1, 2021, including four member positions for three-year terms and one youth position for a one-year term.

The Committee interviewed Andy Lang, Adam Reichenberger, and Margaret Schwertner.

Discussion ensued regarding the vacant positions, applicants' qualifications, and terms served by the incumbents.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Katin Kendrena to the "Youth" position on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to serve a one-year term, effective May 1, 2021, to expire April 30, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Walker and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Hunter

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Alexandra Brewer to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective May 1, 2021, to expire April 30, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Walker and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Hunter

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Tony Ivey to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective May 1, 2021, to expire April 30, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Walker and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Hunter

Discussion continued regarding the remaining positions and the applicants' qualifications.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the appointment of Adam Reichenberger to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective May, 2021, to expire April 30, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Walker and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Hunter

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend the appointment of Margaret Schwertner to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective May 1, 2021, to expire April 30, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Walker and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Hunter

Discussion continued regarding the creation of a short list.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recommend Andy Lang as the first person on the short list for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, which will be effective until January 1, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - McCarthy, Walker and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Hunter

**2. [21-0192](#)**

Advocacy on Transportation Funding Requests  
[Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager;  
Josh Diekmann, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works]

At approximately 5:30 p.m., Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced Josh Diekmann, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works. Together, they presented advocacy on transportation funding requests,

including federal grant funding, legislative agenda review, state transportation packages, state advocacy, and federal advocacy.

Discussion ensued regarding revenue sources for the transportation packages, other projects on the list, projects put on hold due to budget constraints, and spending and funding constraints on projects.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3.     [21-0193](#)     March 10, 2021 - Update to Stormwater Management Manual;  
  Decarbonization Resolution  
  March 24, 2021 - Bike Boulevards (TBD); Recycle Reset Update

Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be held on March 10, 2021, and will include an update on the Stormwater Management Manual and a briefing on the proposed decarbonization resolution; the March 24, 2021, meeting will include a presentation on the recycle reset update, and the bike boulevards topic was moved to a future date; and the April 14, 2021, meeting will include an update on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and an update on the Puyallup Avenue Transit and Complete Streets Improvement Program.

Discussion ensued regarding adding a discussion of Schuster Parkway and related project history to the list of future topics to be discussed by the Committee.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment given.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Conor McCarthy, Chair

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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office