



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

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September 28, 2022

4:30 PM

Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair John Hines, Olgy Diaz,
Catherine Ushka, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Diaz, Hines, Ushka and Walker

Vice Chair Hines and Deputy Mayor Ushka participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-1060](#) Sustainable Tacoma Commission's Annual Report
[Patrick Babbitt, Project Specialist, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, introduced Evlondo Cooper, Co-Chair, and Lexi Brewer, Co-Chair, Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC). Together, they presented the STC's annual report, including an overview, STC background, STC recommendations for 2021 and 2022, budget process requests, budget and policy recommendations, and upcoming STC activities.

Discussion ensued regarding working with organizations throughout Pierce County; and the conflict between population density, transit development, and developing a healthy tree canopy.

2. [22-1061](#) Climate Action Plan Budget Proposal
[Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability;
Jim Parvey, Environmental Policy and Sustainability Division Manager,
Environmental Services]

At approximately 4:51 p.m., Lynett provided opening remarks and presented the Climate Action Plan (CAP) budget proposal, including historic federal and state investments; preparing for local implementation; CAP implementation; CAP actions, noting urban forestry and habitat, buildings, adaptation, transportation, green economy, and municipal; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding grant opportunities, decarbonization opportunities, the City's Climate Risk Assessment, matching funds for e-bikes, hybrid or electric vehicles for the Tacoma Police Department and other City departments, and Washington State's Climate Commitment Act.

3. [22-1062](#) Accessory Dwelling Unit Update
[Stephen Antupit, Senior Planner; Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner,
Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:25 p.m., Stephen Antupit, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), presented the update on encouraging and incentivizing the creation of Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADUs), including ADU briefing topics; an introduction, noting Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs) and attached ADUs; a summary of ADU presentations at previous Government Performance and Finance (GPF) Committee meetings; background on ADUs and DADUs, noting details on Tacoma DADUs, other local cities' efforts, and DADU innovations and anti-displacement strategies; DADU initiatives underway, noting the DADU Accelerator concept; potential additional concepts; and GPF Committee options discussed. Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner, PDS, concluded by presenting ADU content presented at Council Committees, noting overlap with the Home in Tacoma Project (HIT) Phase 2 scope and process, ADU land use topics from the July 26, 2022, developer round table discussion, and land use work on ADUs that will continue through the HIT process; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for planning, permitting, and construction; the Permit Advisory Group; comparing building sizes and development in Tacoma to other areas in Pierce County and King County; pre-approved plans; and utilizing ADUs in building density and affordable housing.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [22-1063](#) October 12, 2022 - Home In Tacoma - Phase 2;
 Transfer of Development Rights Update
 October 26, 2022 - Capital Facilities Program
 November 9, 2022 - Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews
 November 23, 2022 - Cancelled

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on October 12, 2022, and will include updates on the HITPhase 2 and the Transfer of Development Rights Program; that the October 26, 2022, meeting will include an update on the Capital Facilities Program; that the November 9, 2022, meeting will include Landmarks Preservation Commission interviews; and that the November 23, 2022, meeting is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Discussion ensued regarding adding a discussion on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District moratorium to the Committee's calendar.

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 6:05 p.m.



Kristina Walker, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office