



# CITY OF TACOMA

## SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION

### HYBRID MEETING

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 20TH, 2023**  
**5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

This meeting will be held both virtually and in-person. In person location is the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St, room 248.

**Meeting phone line:** (253) 215-8782

**Meeting hyperlink:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84328083947?pwd=YXo2N1dURXJhRkxpSHNMMnZhRTIGQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 843-2808-3947

**Meeting password:** 253253

Microphones will be muted and cameras turned off for all meeting participants, except for the Commissioners and staff presenters. Public comments will be accepted in meeting during the time set aside by the agenda. In addition, the Commission encourages community members to submit written comments prior to the meeting by 4:00 p.m. on July 20th. Please e-mail your comments to [beth.jarot@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:beth.jarot@cityoftacoma.org) put in the subject line "STC Meeting 7/202023", and clearly indicate which agenda item(s), if any, you are addressing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & EXTENDED ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVE JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> AGENDA AND JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. STAFF UPDATES
- V. EXTREME HEAT AND SMOKE RESPONSE & COMMUNICATIONS - PRESENTATION
- VI. RIGHT OF WAY TREE CODE LETTER – DISCUSSION & APPROVAL
- VII. COUNCIL ONE-ON-ONES – DISCUSSION DEBRIEF
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IX. OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING
- X. ADJOURNMENT



## City of Tacoma Sustainable Tacoma Commission Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 15th, 2023

**Commission Members Present:**

Jen Braveboy, Lexi Brewer, Mike Chang, Sheena Hewett, Tony Ivey, Margaret Schwertner (Co-Chair), Lowell Wyse, Evlondo Cooper, (Co-Chair), Casey Twiggs, Laura Svencarek

**Commission Members Excused:** Matthew Benedict

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

City of Tacoma Commission Support Staff: Kristi Lynett, Jim Parvey (Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability); Mike Carey, City of Tacoma Urban Forestry Program Manager

Members of the Public: present

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

This meeting was called to order by Commission Co-Chairperson Margaret Schwertner, including an acknowledgement of the traditional indigenous lands this Commission conducts its business on. The Chair welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public. Then, Margaret administered an extended roll call discussion, where Commissioners acknowledged their attendance and new Commissioners were introduced.

**Unanimous Approval of June 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting Agenda**

**Unanimous Approval of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Public Comment**

No public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item or in writing prior to the meeting.

**Staff Updates**

OEPS Staff gave updates on:

- New Climate Data and Grant Analyst, Nathan Crane, started June 5th
- Tacoma Climate Leadership Cohort applications Round 2 training weekend is June 23-25. We received over 40 applications.
- Sustainability Small Grant Process update

**Right of Way Street Tree Code Update**

Mike Carey, Urban Forestry Program Manager –provided an update on the draft right of way tree codes under final development. The draft will go to Council Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee in September for consideration.

### **Climate Action Recommendations for City Council**

The Commissioners discussed the draft letter and talking points and refined the language. They also added some content about vehicle pollution and health impacts. Jen asked about tribal liaison staff and it was decided to add that as a topic to a future meeting agenda. Laura also brought up the Pacific Avenue Bus Rapid Transit project and concern about its status and progress. It was decided that not enough information was currently known to form an adequate recommendation at this time. A letter to IPS was unanimously approved, pending word-smithing edits.

Staff and Commissioners discussed how the Council meetings have occurred in the past and the talking points document was reviewed. A google doc link was shared with Commissioners to sign up to meet with the Mayor, City Manager or Council members through Teams in June and July.

### **Home in Tacoma Recommendation for City Council**

The Commission reviewed a draft and then unanimously adopted a letter, with minor word-smithing edits to come later, to send to IPS Committee regarding Home in Tacoma Phase 2. They added language to the draft around clarifying tree preservation ordinance, a recommendation to use low scale option B, and comments about short term rentals.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item or in writing prior to the meeting.

### **Objectives for the Next Meeting (July 20, 2023)**

- Adopt letter to Council on ROW Tree Codes
- Presentation and discussion on heat and smoke preparation and response

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Commission unanimous approved an adjourned at 6:50 pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held hybrid on Thursday, July 29, 2023, at 5:00pm, on zoom and at Tacoma Municipal Building, room 248.

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Evlondo Cooper and Margaret Schwertner, Co-Chairs

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Kristi Lynett, Staff / Note Taker

# **Sustainable Tacoma Commission** (STC)

7/20/2023 Hybrid Public Meeting

## **Welcome**

**Commissioners**

**Members of the public**

**Presenters and staff support:**

Beth Jarot, Zoe Whidden, Jim Parvey

City of Tacoma, Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability

LaTasha Wortham, Tacoma Public Utilities

Cindy Havercamp, TPC Health Department

Shontieka Adeogun, Tacoma Emergency Management

Caleb Carbone, Tacoma Neighborhood and Community Services



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# Call to Order



## Land Acknowledgment

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We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People. The Puyallup people have lived on this land since the beginning of time. They are still here today. They live, work, raise their children, take care of their community, practice their traditional ways and speak the Twulshootseed language – just as their ancestors did.



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# Roll Call

## Commission Members

Matthew Benedict

Lexi Brewer

Michael Chang

Evlondo Cooper (Co-Chair)

Sheena Hewett

Tony Ivey

Casey Twiggs

Adam Reichenberger

Margaret Schwertner (Co-Chair)

Laura Svancarek

Lowell Wyse

# Agenda – 7/20/2023

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- V. **EXTREME HEAT AND SMOKE PLANNING & RESPONSE -  
PRESENTATION**
- VI. **RIGHT OF WAY TREE CODES- DISCUSSION & VOTE ON LETTER**
- VII. **DEBRIEF ON ONE-ON-ONE COUNCIL MEETINGS - DISCUSSION**
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(Motion)



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# 6/15/2023 Meeting Minutes Approval

(Motion)



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# Public Comments



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# Staff Updates

- Welcome Nathan Crain, Climate Data and Grant Analyst
- Jim's announcement



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# Other Business Items

1. Extreme heat and smoke planning and response
  - Presentations and discussion
2. Right of Way Tree Codes
  - Letter discussion and vote to approve
3. Debrief on Council one-on-ones
4. Creation of BRT subcommittee



# Public Comments



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# Objectives for Next Meeting (Aug 17)

## Tentative Meeting items:

- Community Building Decarbonization Strategy
- Municipal Fleet EV Action Plan
- Municipal Facilities Decarbonization Strategy



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# Adjournment

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# Extreme Heat and Wildfire Smoke

Sustainable Tacoma Commission  
Cindy Haverkamp and Isiah Cocroft  
July 20, 2023



Tacoma-Pierce County  
**Health Department**  
*Healthy People in Healthy Communities*

# Our Responsibility

## Pierce County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

### Emergency Support Function #6—Mass Care

- Crisis counseling.
- Coordinate health and sanitation services at mass care facilities and other locations.
- Coordinate with the Emergency Operations Center and shelter operators to conduct communicable disease surveillance.





# Our Responsibility

## Pierce County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

### Emergency Support Function #8—Public Health and Medical Service

- Prepare for emergencies.
- Coordinate preparedness efforts.
- Disseminate public health guidance.
- Establish partnerships.
- Coordinate with City and County Emergency Managers.



# Prepare for emergencies & coordinate preparedness efforts

What we've done:

- Establish internal activation thresholds.
- Plan for outreach events.
- Smoke Ready week.



# What we've done this year



- Public Health in Focus newsletter.
- Your Reliable Source Blog.
- Health Department website.
- Social media.
- Responded to media requests.
- Communities of Focus presentation.
- Heat health and poor air quality infographics in Metro Parks community centers and Tacoma libraries.



# Establish Partnerships

- Puget Sound Asthma Coalition and Tacoma libraries hosting box fan/filter workshops.
- Tacoma libraries and MetroParks distributing infographics and N95 masks.
- Send requests from local providers to Puget Sound Clean Air Agency box fan/filter program.



# Contracts



- Tacoma Tree Foundation—Build policy and outreach efforts.
- Pierce Conservation District—Fund outreach in the wildland urban interface.
- St. Vincent De Paul—Manages direct service requests from homeless providers.



# Coordinate with City & County Emergency Managers

- Present at extreme heat and hazardous air quality seminars.
- Participated on Emergency Planning Team—Hosted by Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.
- Coordinate training opportunities on National Weather Service HeatRisk tool.
- Attend Pierce County Homeless Coalition inclement weather calls.



# Evaluation Gaps

## General outreach

- Building our audience.

## Outreach to businesses

- Idea: Send box fan/filter demo kits to doctor's offices.

## Community requests

- Cooling, warming and air quality shelters.
- Less reliance on libraries and malls.



# With more resources...

- Continue grants and contracts.
- Fund future box fan and filter programs.
- Diverse shelter options attractive to all unhoused people.
- Educate stakeholders and partners about strategies to address climate change.





# Thank you!



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