

CITY of TACOMA
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting 1

MEETING DATE: October 11, 2023

Members Present: Pamela Wrenn (Chair), Chris Karnes (Vice Chair), Troy Serad, Jordan Rash, Ruben Casas (alternate)

Visitors: Deputy Mayor Kristina Walker

Agency Partners: Eric Jaszewski (PT)

Staff Support: Wesley Rhodes (COT/PDS), Carrie Wilhelme (COT/PW), Stephen Atkinson (COT/PDS), Madeline Borowski (COT/PDS), Brian Boudet (COT/PDS), Mary Crabtree (COT/PDS), Charla Kinlow (COT/PW)

CALL TO ORDER

Wesley Rhodes called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Kristina Walker provided opening remarks.

1. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair (1-year term)

Pamela Wrenn and Chris Karnes volunteered to serve, respectively, as Chair and Vice Chair. Wesley Rhodes ceded meeting governance to Pamela Wrenn.

2. Establishment of Purpose and Group Norms

Wesley Rhodes elaborated upon proposed group norms and invited discussion.

Guidelines were discussed for the attendance and participation of “alternates” and requested that meeting notes be approved at the beginning of each subsequent meeting.

The Group agreed to adopt TODAG norms regarding public comment.

Group members agreed to center racial/social equity and affordability in Group Norms and discussed the expected roles of staff members, agency partners, and task force members.

The Group proposed editing the Task Force “Purpose Statement” for approval at the next meeting.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Review of Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG) Work Program and Key Deliverables/Recommendations

Brian Boudet provided an overview of TODAG projects of focus, associated recommendations, and the TOD Toolkit produced in October 2021.



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Chris Karnes, former TODAG Member, provided additional background on the TOD Toolkit.

2. Potential Work Program Topics

A desire was expressed to focus on policy and code updates, including a review of the efficacy of existing TOD-related code and standards

It was recommended that the Task Force focus on policy and code recommendations, as opposed to specific TOD-related projects.

Furthermore, it was proposed that the Task Force work to more clearly define their shared long-term vision for TOD in Tacoma, prior to deciding upon a specific program of work. The Task Force agreed that the focus of the subsequent meeting should be around crafting that shared vision for TOD.

Wesley Rhodes acknowledged the suggested agenda items for the next meeting and highlighted the opportunity to conduct much of the desired work suggested by the Task Force as part of the updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. Future Agenda Items

The Group reviewed potential future agenda items.

2. New Business / Closing Comments

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.