



CITY OF TACOMA SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION HYBRID MEETING

DRAFT AGENDA
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024
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.

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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 June 20, 2024. Please e-mail your comments to lfarmer2@cityoftacoma.org, put in the subject line "STC Meeting 6/20/24", and clearly indicate which agenda item(s), if any, you are addressing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND EXTENDED ROLL CALL**
- II. APPROVE MAY 16 AGENDA AND APRIL 18 MINUTES**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- IV. STAFF UPDATES**
- V. COMMUNITY TREE PROGRAM- PRESENTATION**
- VI. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT RESPONSE- LETTER**
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- VIII. OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**



**City of Tacoma
Sustainable Tacoma Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 16, 2024

Commission Members Present: Evlondo Cooper (Co-Chair), Adam Reichenberger, Laura Svancarek (in-person), Casey Twiggs, Margaret Schwertner, Tony Ivey, Lexi Brewer (in-person), John Doherty (in person), Joy Muhammed, Lowell Wyse

Commission Members Excused:

Matthew Benedict, Adam Reichenberger, Mike Chang, Sheena Hewett, Devynee Ye

Others Present:

Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability: LaKecia Farmer, Carson Brock, Kristi Lynett

Call to Order & Roll Call

This meeting was called to order by Commission Co-Chairperson Casey Twiggs at 5:03 pm

Unanimous Approval of June 20, 2024 Meeting Agenda

Unanimous Approval of May 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Public Comment

No public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item.

Staff Updates

- Building and Decarbonization/Resilience Hubs
- Home in Tacoma II
- Comp Plan and Transportation Master Plan
- One Vision Tacoma Series
- Climate Summit Kickoff May 28th
- May 23 EIS Tide flats

Subcommittee Reports

LaKecia reached out to planning department to come talk to commission about permitting process, set for June or July.

Other Business Items

STC 2024 Climate Commission Draft letter

Commissioners wanted clarity around staffing requirements: where is staff coming from, how much time would potentially go to this new commission, and how would this work with OEPS.

Commissioners wanted clarity around the statement around monitoring the city's department budget and advising the alignment around climate action plan. Commissioner Svancarek states that this aspect written takes a lot of time for the commission and ask for clarification on what this means for the commission.

Commissioner Brewer stated that if this new commission was started, all members would need to reapply.

Commissioner Brewer shared she wants to affirm that new commissioners don't need professional experience to be on this commission, highlighting that anyone who cares and is passionate about sustainability should apply.

If the charter review committee moves this forward, then Council could approve it or send it to a vote. Kristi believes the commission likely would not be established until Jan 2026.

Commissioner Brewer motions to approve the spirit of the letter with future, edited and wordsmithing before sending. Commissioner Reichenberger seconds. The commission unanimously approved.

Climate Action Plan Progress Report 2023

City is asking department to make budget cuts 6% cut, OEPS proposes making more policy suggestions that do not require high amounts of funding.

Overall feedback:

Commissioner Svancarek states she want to commission to really advocate for public transportation agenda.

Commissioner Twiggs states that Tacoma is behind on housing even though it has increase, highlights the importance of having more housing to help solve housing crisis.

Other important highlighted CAP Actions identified by commission:

Actions: #23, #34, #9, #10, #13, #42, #5, #30B

Public Comment

No public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item

Tentative Objectives for the Next Meeting (June 20, 2024)

- Urban Forestry and TTF the DNR grant and community tree program
- 2023 Cap progress Report
- Permits

Co Chair Evlondo Cooper Adjournment @7:02

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held hybrid on Thursday, June 20th, 2024, at 5:00pm, on zoom and at Tacoma Municipal Building, room 248.

Evlondo Cooper and Margaret Schwertner, Co-Chairs

LaKecia Farmer and Carson Brock, Staff / Note Takers

Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC)

6/20/2024 Hybrid Public Meeting

Welcome

Commissioners

Members of the public

Presenters and staff support:

City of Tacoma, Office of Environment Policy and Sustainability:

LaKecia Farmer, Carson Brock, Kristin Lynett



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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

Mike Chang

Evlondo Cooper (Co-Chair)

John Doherty

Sheena Hewett

Gloria (Joy) Kazuko Mohammad

Adam Reichenberger

Margaret Schwertner

Laura Svancarek

Casey Twiggs (Co-Chair)

Lowell Wyse

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(Motion)



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5/16/2024 Meeting Minutes Approval

(Motion)



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Public Comments



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Staff Updates

- Comp plan / Transportation Master Plan
- Solid Waste Positions



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Subcommittee Reports

- Permit presentation scheduled for August



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Other Business Items

Community Tree Program



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Other Business Items

Climate Action Plan Progress Report - Letter



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Public Comments



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Objectives for Next Meeting (July 18)

- Comp Plan/ TMP



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Adjournment

(Motion)



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