



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

**Date:** March 21, 2024

**Commission Members Present:** Matthew Benedict (in-person), Lexi Brewer (in-person), Evlondo Cooper (Co-Chair), Sheena Hewett, Tony Ivey, Adam Reichenberger, Laura Svancarek (in-person), John Doherty (in-person), Casey Twiggs, Lowell Wyse (in-person), Mike Chang (in-person), Devynne Le

**Commission Members Excused:**  
Margaret Schwertner

**Others Present:**  
Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability: LaKecia Farmer, Carson Brock

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

This meeting was called to order by Commission Co-Chairperson Evlondo Cooper at 5:04 pm, 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, Chair Cooper administered a roll call, where Commissioners acknowledged their attendance.

**Unanimous Approval of March 21, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

**Unanimous Approval of February 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Public Comment**

No public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item.

**Staff Updates**

- Sustainable Small Grant Program Closing at end of the Month
- Sustainability Expo happening April 13<sup>th</sup>
- STC Signup for Expo Booth
- Commissioner Wyse brought up where status is with OEPS placement, and status on Jim Parvey's role that was put on hold. He brought up writing a letter to IPS to request more info from IPS.

**Important Dates**

South Sound Sustainability Expo Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm

**Subcommittees**

Permit Subcommittee and Transportation subcommittee:

Commissioner Doherty explained that permitting is important around trees and land use, the Comprehensive planning around health, wellness, equity and more. Commissioners Reichenberger, Doherty, and Cooper were interested in Permitting Subcommittee Transportation: N/A

### **Deconstruction and Salvage- Discussion**

Chair Walker was present to discuss the Deconstruction Resolution passed last night. The resolution passed to conduct a study. She explained the benefits around historic Tacoma with huge economic benefits and green jobs. Staff (Christina Caan) mentioned Salvage and Deconstruction are not the same but work hand and hand with one another. Staff and Chair Walker discussed with commissioners that the resolution is addressing:

1. Formalizing salvaging assessments
2. Incentivizing deconstruction projects and material use
3. Deconstruction of City-owned buildings
4. Workforce development on Deconstruction
5. City assistance with storage for salvaged and deconstructed materials

Staff are directed to report on each item by May 21<sup>st</sup> for better cost estimates, to incorporate in the budget process

Commissioner Brewer asked who the clients will be giving/selling deconstruction material to

Commissioner Hewett mentioned the issue with cost and storing them until use could be a problem

Chari Walker spoke on a part of the report are to find storage options, and she is open to suggestions on space, or other aspects around cost around deconstruction.

Commissioner Chang mentioned planning Building Capital with end for useful life for city building. He would like to see addressed what type of vehicles and area that the site will be located in, in terms of equity, health, and wellness.

Commissioner Hewett mentioned architects are discussing how companies started incorporating design for deconstruction

Chair Walker spoke about how after May, there will be some decisions being made

### **CAP 2023 Progress:**

Commissioner Twiggs made a motion to approve STC's letter for Climate Action Plan Progress Report 2023 and it was approved unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

No further public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item.

### **Tentative Objectives for the Next Meeting (April, 2024)**

Urban Forestry, and Sustainable Small Grant program.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Commission unanimous approved an adjourned at 6:47pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held hybrid on Thursday April 18th, 2023, at 5:00pm, on zoom and at Tacoma Municipal Building, room 220A.

*Evlondo Cooper III*

*Casey Twiggs*

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Evlondo Cooper and Casey Twiggs, Co-Chairs

LaKecia Farmer

*Carson Brock*

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LaKecia Farmer and Carson Brock, Staff / Note Takers