



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

Date: April 18, 2024

Commission Members Present: Matthew Benedict (in-person), Evlondo Cooper (Co-Chair), Sheena Hewett (in person), Adam Reichenberger, Laura Svancarek (in-person), Casey Twiggs, Lowell Wyse (in-person), Mike Chang (in-person), Margaret Schwertner, Tony Ivey, Devynee Ye, Lexi Brewer

Commission Members Excused:

John Doherty, Adam Reichenberger, Joy Muhammed

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 5:02pm

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

- Tony's last meeting
- Joy's first official meeting will be May 16
- Sustainability Expo

Other Business Items- Sustainability Small Grants

Staff went over:

- Projects for each utility
- Previous vote format
- Evaluation Criteria
- Full funding, Some Funding, No Funding for each project
- Recuse yourself/abstain if conflict of interest

\$100,000 total for the year

Total for Round 1 IF all projects were funded how much all utilities would pay and there would be around 40,000 left over for the next round

Proposed template for grant makes sure to include any limitations or conditions that need to be addressed before project gets funded.

1. Addressing Furniture Waste and Collection Zero Waste Washington Application
Adam Riceburger makes a motion to fund Addressing Furniture Waste and Collection grant application for amount of \$4995.50 (Motion Passes)
2. TCC Nature Area Native Species Project
Casey Twiggs makes a motion to fund Addressing Furniture Waste and Collection grant application for amount of \$5000 (Motion Passes)
3. Blueberry Park Community Garden Improvements
Lexi Brewer makes a motion to fund Blueberry Park Community Garden Improvements grant application for amount of \$5000 (Motion Passes)
4. Rain Garden Learning Project
makes a motion to fund Rain Garden Learning Project grant application for amount of \$5000 with the condition that the benefiting utilities approve location (Motion Passes with conditions)
5. Trashy Bike Festival
Matthew makes a motion to fund Trashy Bike Festival grant application for amount of \$5000 with the condition that the benefiting utilities request, and confirmed letters of support (Motion Passes with conditions)
6. Seeds of Sustainability No till Farming Initiative
Matthew makes a motion to fund Seeds of Sustainability No till Farming Initiative grant application for amount of \$4130 with the condition that the benefiting utilities request location, and provide more detail on scope and education (Motion Passes with conditions)
7. Plastic Recycling
Matthew makes a motion to deny application and encourage applicant to reapply, with the guidance of staff (Motion Passes)
8. Pedaling for Produce \$5,000
Matthew makes a motion to funding for Pedaling for Produce for the full grant amount (Motion Passes)
9. Trees in the North End Neighborhood for 5,000 do
Lexi makes a motion to approve (Motion Passes)
10. Healing Connection: Second Annual Conference
Matthew motions to deny application (Motion Passes)
11. Community Impact Initiative
Casey Twiggs makes a motion to fund Addressing Furniture Waste and Collection grant application for amount of \$5000 (Motion Passes)
12. 2024 Tacoma Ocean Fest 2024
Lexi motions to approve grant for 5,000 dollars (Motion Passes)

Other Business Items- Charter Review Subcommittee

Charter Review Committee has 30 -40 recommendations being brought up April 22nd for public comment

- Includes for the city to have a carbon budget
- STC would have more accountability and responsibility

The subcommittee will be called before the May meeting to write a draft letter.

Public Comment

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

Tentative Objectives for the Next Meeting (May 16, 2024)

- Climate Action Plan Progress Report

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held hybrid on Thursday, May 16th, 2024, at 5:00pm, on zoom and at Tacoma Municipal Building, room 248.

Evlondo Cooper III

Casey Twiggs

Evlondo Cooper and Casey Twiggs, Co-Chairs

LaKecia Farmer

Carson Brock

LaKecia Farmer and Carson Brock, Staff / Note Takers