



**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

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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

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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 III

Casey Twiggs

Evlondo Cooper and Casey Twiggs, Co-Chairs

LaKecia Farmer

Carson Brock

LaKecia Farmer and Carson Brock, Staff / Note Takers