

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
January 29, 2018
Auditorium

Present: Councilmembers Anderson, Bullock, George, Litten, O’Leary, O’Malley, and Rader

Also Present: Planning Director Sylvester, one member of the public

Call to Order: 6:42 p.m.

Resiliency Task Force

Legislation to create the Resiliency Task Force will be on the February 5th Council agenda. Last week City Planner Alex Harnocz sent an email to Council containing all of the applications the City has received by individuals interested in serving on the Task Force. There are approximately 20-25 applicants, excluding those four already selected by the Mayor. The Mayor’s four appointees will be disclosed on Wednesday. Director Sylvester outlined the qualities and qualifications he believes will best serve the Task Force:

1. Engagement in the community
2. Systems-thinking approach
3. Deep thinking inside those systems

The Task Force is planned to be a two-year engagement. Director Sylvester distributed a handout which visualizes the community vision. He expects that the Task Force will address these topics.

Council discussed the proposed number of Task Force members, which is currently 9 and contemplated the pros and cons of increasing the number so that each Councilmember can make an individual appointment.

Director Sylvester remarked on the rationale of a 9-member Task Force. He explained that the group will encounter a number of guest speakers and subject matter experts.

Several Councilmembers expressed interest in increasing the number of Task Force members to allow each Councilmember to have his/her own appointment.

Director Sylvester remarked further on the intended structure of the Task Force and the meaning of a ‘systems thinker.’

A motion was made and seconded to increase the number of Council appointees from 5 to 7 and to maintain the Mayoral appointees at 4. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

It was agreed that that Council will aim to make its appointments by the February 20th General Meeting. Councilmembers should alert one another via email once they make their selection so that there is no duplication.

Audit Committee – 2 appointments for two-year terms

Councilmember Bullock remarked on the contributions and qualifications of Council’s existing appointees, Ray Cushing and Michelle McCue. Councilmember Bullock has served on the Audit Committee with them for several years.

A motion was made and seconded to insert the name Ray Cushing into Resolution 8976-18. All members voted in favor. Motion Passed.

A motion was made and seconded to insert the name Michelle McCue into Resolution 8977-18. All members voted in favor. Motion Passed.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend adoption of Resolutions 8976-18 and 8977-18.

Board of Nuisance Abatement Appeals

Councilmembers discussed the work of this Board, which meets infrequently. Council needs to appoint someone to fill an open seat.

Councilmember O’Malley expressed interest in changing the balance of appointment authority on the Board to reflect greater influence by Council.

Motion was made and seconded to defer action on Resolution 8978-18. All members voted in favor. Motion Passed.

Councilmember Bullock remarked on the type of qualifications he is looking for in a person serving on this Board.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Council discussed the work of this Board as well as the pros and cons of re-appointing someone versus bringing in someone new.

A motion was made and seconded to insert the name Chris Bindel into Resolution 8979-18. All members voted in favor. Motion Passed.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend adoption of Resolutions 8979-18.

A motion was made and seconded to defer all remaining resolutions. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Councilmember Bullock encouraged members to consider carefully who should be appointed as Council liaisons to LASWAB and the Foundation Planning Task Force. He remarked on the expectations and responsibilities of these appointees including frequent reports back to Council.

Councilmember O'Leary added that Council may also appoint a liaison to Lakewood Alive. Councilmember Anderson has been serving in this role.

Councilmember O'Malley remarked on the importance of Council being engaged with the Foundation Planning Task Force.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Vision Focus Area

EcoDistrict Objective Categories

Commercial Development 	Economic Development	City Recommendations & Objectives
	Innovation	
	Materials	
	Mixed Uses & Public Spaces	
	Smart Buildings	
	Smart City Digital Network	
Community Wellness 	Active Living	
	Connection with Nature	
	Ecosystem Health	
	Energy	
	Food Systems	
	Health	
	Natural Features	
	Satisfaction	
Education & Culture 	Waste	
	Water	
	Access to Diverse Opportunities	
Housing 	Culture & Identity	
	Engagement & Inclusion	
Mobility 	Housing	
	Mobility	
Safety 	Street Network	
	Climate & Risk	
	Environment	
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