



**Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2025**

Board Members present were: Brian Humphreys, Jesse Hart, Juli Murphy, Lester Burkes, Lindsay Wills, Lynnette Scheidt, Rick Slater and Tara Scheidt. We had a quorum.

Total number of participants: twenty-six.

The minutes of July 21, 2025, meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report:

September Treasurer Report				
Date	Transaction	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance
8/19/2025	COSTCO for TPD Event Contribution		\$144.27	\$9,303.42

Reports:

- **Committee reports from Brian Humphreys and Tara Scheidt.**
- **Liaison Reports from:**
 - **Hyun Kim, Tacoma City Manager,**
 - **Sandesh Sadalge, City Councilmember,**
 - **Brandon Mires, Tacoma Police Lieutenant,**
 - **Bryan Yambe Pierce County Councilmember Dist. 5,**
 - **Jeff Jenkins, Tacoma Public Works,**
 - **Zeek Edmonds Tacoma Public Schools**
 - **Christina Caan from City Manager's Office,**
 - **Daniel Burdsall, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department**
 - **Antonio McLemore, Parks Tacoma.**

Presentation: City Council Member Kristina Walker and Urban Forest Program Manager Mike Carey, Urban Forest Program Manager held a Q&A Session on the City's urban forestry programs and developing policy to enhance the city's tree canopy cover in support of the City's Urban Forest Management Plan.

Community Questions, Comments and Concerns participants: Tara Scheidt, Rick Slater, , Lynnette Scheidt, and Evan Wood.

Unfinished Business:

New business:

Announcements:

Adjourn: 8:08pm

Next Meeting will be Monday, October 20 at 6:30

VIDEO



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This link will work for anyone.

[Open](#)

CHAT

00:27:40 Lynnette - President: Welcome everyone to our Eastside meeting.

00:28:26 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: If you'd like to be added to the email list

add your email to the chat

00:28:48 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to Welcome everyone to ... with "❤️"

00:29:33 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Ieesha Irving: marthairving300@gmail.com

00:29:45 Christina Caan -- City of Tacoma: Hi everyone! Christina Caan, City Manager's Office, ccaan@tacoma.gov

00:30:05 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: Daniel Burdsall, DBurdsall@tpchd.org, Communities of Focus at Tacoma Pierce County Health Department & Eastside Resident.

00:30:14 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA:    

00:31:20 Zeek Edmond, Tacoma Public Schools: Zeek Edmond, Tacoma Public Schools

Assistant Superintendent Teaching & Learning

eedmon1@tacoma.k12.wa.us

00:33:22 Cat: Reacted to Welcome everyone to ... with "❤️"

00:36:11 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Non emergency 253-287-4455

00:36:43 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: McKinleyHillHauntedStreetFair.com

00:37:46 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Please email Tara for any safety or beautification issues. I'll connect you with great resources. SafeTacoma253@gmail.com

00:38:03 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: Reacted to "McKinleyHillHauntedS..." with 

00:38:21 Lindsay Wills - Board Member: We're up to 131 followers on instagram! 

00:38:27 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to "We're up to 131 foll..." with 

00:39:39 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: Reacted to "We're up to 131 foll..." with 

00:40:02 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Urban Air Adventure Park took over Big Lot's spot on 72nd

00:40:11 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to "Urban Air Adventure ..." with 

00:41:01 CM Sadalge: Reacted to "McKinleyHillHauntedS..." with 

00:41:42 Kimberlie Lelli for CM Bryan Yambe D5: The trades are desperate for workers. Steer folks to the apprenticeship programs that the unions offer. Earn while you learn. Contact the Pierce County Central Labor Council for contact information.

00:41:48 Christina Caan -- City of Tacoma: Hi Brian, wanted to flag that the Economic Development Committee will be reviewing the first draft of the City's Economic Development Strategy on October 14. That meeting is open to the public and if you have any feedback for them to consider, please don't hesitate to share!

00:42:04 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to "The trades are despe..." with 

00:42:07 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to Hi Brian, wanted to ... with "

00:42:15 Lindsay Wills - Board Member: Reacted to "Hi Brian, wanted to ..." with 

00:42:16 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to "Hi Brian, wanted to ..." with 

00:42:31 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to The trades are despe... with "

00:43:44 Brian Humphreys: Reacted to "Hi Brian, wanted to ..." with 

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00:46:20 Vanna Sing: @Kimberlie Lelli for CM Bryan Yambe D5 Hi Kimberlie. I'd like to follow up with you outside the meeting.

00:50:42 Rick Slater -Eastside Board Member: Rick Slater

00:51:14 Rick Slater -Eastside Board Member: ricksdiagnostic@aol.com

00:52:12 Christina Caan -- City of Tacoma: You can also explore the HEAL team's dashboard here: [HEAL Team Engagement Dashboard | Tacoma Open Data](#)

00:52:49 Christina Caan -- City of Tacoma: Here is the link to our broader data portal too: [Tacoma Open Data](#)

00:52:56 Hyun Kim, City of Tacoma: Reacted to "Here is the link to ..." with 

00:53:18 Hyun Kim, City of Tacoma: Additionally, the report from the dashboard comes in narrative form in the City Manager report. [City Manager's Office | City of Tacoma](#)

00:53:24 Hyun Kim, City of Tacoma: Reacted to "Rick Slater" with 

00:53:57 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Nice shirt Sandesh! Eastsiiiiide!

00:54:10 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to "Nice shirt Sandesh! ..." with 

00:54:57 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to "Additionally, the re..." with 

00:55:08 Hyun Kim, City of Tacoma:Replying to "ricksdiagnostic@aol...."

Just sent you an email Mr. Slater.

00:56:45 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Don't forget about the HONK! Festival this Saturday at noon:
https://tacamahonk.org/?fbclid=IwdGRjcAM1pIhjbGNrAzWkhWV4dG4DYWVtAjExAAEetgCq0kLE7cGqJSgB6443q4OooOIypiyiq0yznulEnNRPO1Lpt60_u1pIRPGo_aem_Gl2V7yr-8yKsxGMDVKEAIA

00:56:52 Kristina Walker: Reacted to Don't forget about t... with "

00:57:23 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: 799 E Division Ln, Tacoma, WA 98404-3006, United States

00:58:34 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to Additionally, the re... with "

01:00:05 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: That was awesome Sandesh! Thank you!

01:00:16 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to "pic-ee2cfdbe-95fd-4e34-b3fc-8cd9c2f1f0d5.jpg" with 

01:00:20 CM Sadalge: Reacted to "pic-ee2cfdbe-95fd-4e34-b3fc-8cd9c2f1f0d5.jpg" with 

01:00:23 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: Reacted to "pic-ee2cfdbe-95fd-4e34-b3fc-8cd9c2f1f0d5.jpg" with 

01:00:43 Brandon Mires - Tacoma PD:
<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/city.of.tacoma/viz/TacomaPoliceCrimeDashboard/CrimeDashboard-IntroPage>

01:02:19 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: God bless Chief Jackson! 

01:03:28 CM Sadalge: Thank you all! I need to leave but please email me at ssadalge@tacoma.gov with any additional questions.

01:03:39 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to Thank you all! I ne... with "❤️"

01:05:39 Rick Slater -Eastside Board Member: what's the story with the KIA BOYS ? are the arrested and do the serve time. seems like they are back on the streets in a few days ?

01:09:02 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: It's jus a new crop of crazies Rick....it's a neverending story....i want to have coffee with Chief Jackson! I'm excited!

01:11:50 Brandon Mires - Tacoma PD: Lieutenant Brandon Mires

Operations / Community Policing

South Sector Commander

Tacoma Police Department

Desk: 253-594-7948

Police - City of Tacoma

01:12:05 Brandon Mires - Tacoma PD: bmires@tacoma.gov

01:12:39 Brandon Mires - Tacoma PD: Have a great night everyone. Thanks for having me.

01:12:57 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to "bmires@tacoma.gov" with 👍

01:13:08 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: LASA just completed groundbreaking on Gravelly Lake Commons - 26 units of affordable 2- and 3-bedroom apartments.

01:13:24 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to " LASA just completed..." with ❤️

01:14:35 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to LASA just completed... with "❤️"

01:14:40 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to Have a great night e... with "❤️"

01:15:11 Bryan Yambe: Reacted to " LASA just completed..." with ❤️

01:19:46 Rick Slater -Eastside Board Member: scrap metal. need to come down on scrap yards

01:25:47 Kristina Walker: Port of Tacoma building from last week!

01:25:53 Antonio McLemore - Parks Tacoma: Parks Tacoma Updates:

Portland Ave Building Public Meeting at 6:00 pm on September 18th (@Portland Ave CC).

Celebration of Light: Oct. 4th 12pm - 6:00 pm

Co Create to Recreate on Oct. 15th at 5:30pm at the ECC.

Seniors Lounge Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

USA Women's Associated Boxing Event: October 18th from 9:00 am to 5pm.

01:25:59 Hyun Kim, City of Tacoma: Reacted to "pic-c831e253-b448-476d-9c15-fdb32e6b99fd.jpg" with 👍

01:27:39 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: Just posting my update for the Health Dept in the chat to speed things up - we pushed out a blog article today on unpermitted food vendors and why they are a threat to community health, give it a read and share:

<https://tpchd.org/blog/heres-why-unpermitted-food-vendors-are-a-threat-to-your-health/>

01:28:11 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to Just posting my upda... with "❤️"

01:28:43 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Justin Beiber had covid!

01:28:50 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: Reacted to "Justin Beiber had co..." with 🙄

01:29:44 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to pic-5917f6dc-f34f-4e78-8c6f-25fff3249178.png with "❤️"

01:30:07 Vanna Sing: Great meeting! I need to step off. 🙄

01:31:24 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: Respiratory illness dashboard for Pierce county - <https://tpchd.org/health/diseases/respiratory-illness/data-dashboard/>

Yes, notice the COVID spike during the summer in Aug and jumping up, most likely due to school starting. It seems to hit a plateau and hopefully means a Thanksgiving and Xmas holiday that has less risk, fingers crossed.

01:32:04 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to Respiratory illness ... with "👍"

01:38:08 Nancy shaw: I think if it's near a power line, it should rely on TPU

01:38:21 Laura C.: Reacted to "I think if it's near..." with 👍

01:38:29 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to I think if it's near... with "👍"

01:39:01 Nancy shaw: regardless of where the trunk of the tree is, once it reaches the

power line, it should be TPU's responsibility to cut it back away from that line/pole

01:40:03 Nancy shaw: tpu won't touch the tree if the trunk of it is behind a fence on public property,

01:40:06 lesterburkes: I would say no if you look at how much utilities and taxes have went up plus new fees like the pet fee doubling in price the city is getting really expensive to live in

01:40:19 Nancy shaw: fence on private property*

01:41:39 Evan Wood: Answer for Q2: It is difficult. While trees provide a huge benefit for the neighborhood and city, you would be hard pressed to have further regulations associated with home ownership.

01:41:59 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Identifying City owned property would be a great start to up the tree canopy percentage

01:42:16 lesterburkes: I do believe trees enhance the livability of neighborhoods I think the Northland is a great example of this and why it seems more livable than Browns point

01:42:27 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Did you know that some species of black berries are invasive to our region and considered as a nuisance?

01:42:36 Nancy shaw: any tree over 10 years old should require outside opinions before being cut down

01:43:11 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Trees are an amazing benefit to community.

01:43:27 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: There should be specific restrictions....if it deeply impacts the natural habitat or/and impacts a neighbor.

01:43:34 Nancy shaw: restrictions on removal of trees over 10 years old.

01:44:12 Nancy shaw: the health of the tree is extremely important. especially when you consider the diseases trees are starting to be infected with

01:44:13 Laura C.: If the tree is a volunteer from a plum tree, it should be allowed to come out without seeking approval.

01:44:54 Evan Wood: There should be extra protections for native species over X years old.

01:45:06 Tara Scheidt - Vice President: Reacted to "There should be extr..." with 

01:45:15 Nancy shaw: a tree with an infectious disease or infestation is a public health

AND environmental hazard

01:45:36 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: The official tree of Washington is a Western Hemlock and the Oak is the US.....they should be protected.

01:45:41 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: There should be somewhat of a process for tree removal that prevents homeowners from just making split decisions on bringing a tree down while still factoring the status and needs of the homeowner, especially considering the impacts of tree shade on Tacoma's heat index in the summer times now.

01:46:02 Evan Wood: Reacted to "There should be some..." with 👍

01:46:24 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to There should be some... with "👍"

01:46:38 Nancy Shaw: I thought tree removal required a permit?

01:46:39 Lynnette - President: No

01:46:41 Lester burkes: I do not believe property owners should have any laws limiting what they can do on their property outside of clearly hazardous situations. I do believe the city should develop some guidance on this matter additionally trees that sit on property lines need some guidance developed to help end disputes. Going back to earlier if the city developed a fund to help remove old trees and plant new ones I would be ok with that

01:46:45 Evan Wood: Yes - Sliding scale depending on age and species

01:46:53 Laura C.: No.

01:47:37 Nancy shaw: developers should be required to plant 2 trees for every tree they remove

01:47:43 Evan Wood: Reacted to "developers should be..." with ❤️

01:47:54 Evan Wood: Question: Would an initiative or drive to create a neighborhood "urban garden/farm" be in line with or complimentary to the urban forest resolution? I have raised beds in my ROW and I think that an expansive raised bed garden could help alleviate some of this food desert that we are facing.

01:47:55 Brian Humphreys: Well, it's also supposed to de-incentivize removing trees

01:48:12 Nancy shaw: Reacted to Question: Would an i... with "❤️"

01:48:20 Daniel Burdsall - TPCHD: Reacted to "Well, it's also supp..." with 👍

01:48:21 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to developers should be... with "❤️"

01:49:19 Evan Wood: Reacted to "Well, it's also supp..." with 👍

01:50:26 Nancy shaw: Replying to "Question: Would an i..."

raised garden beds require strategic placement to ensure they get enough sunlight.....

01:50:45 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Great question!

01:51:44 Nancy shaw: Replying to "Question: Would an i..."

I'm all for gardens, not lawns. however, as a homeowner with large trees that shade the majority of my property, I would be upset if my neighbor demanded I harm my tree so they could finish their poorly placed garden beds

01:52:14 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Reacted to Well, it's also supp... with "👍"

01:53:43 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Great idea Ms. Lynette!

01:55:48 lesterburkes: lol

01:55:49 Ieesha M. Irving, MBA: Amen!

01:55:57 Christina Caan -- City of Tacoma: Here are the open spots on our CBCs: Committees, Boards and Commissions | City of Tacoma