

LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022  
10:30 A.M. – 11:14 A.M.  
REMOTE AND IN-PERSON MEETING

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COUNCIL PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBER COX (CHAIR), COUNCILMEMBER VAZQUEZ,

COUNCIL EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN

STAFF PRESENT: RICK WALK, HANS SHEPHERD, GRANT BECK, TABETHA RESTOULE

ACTION: APPROVE THE LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS VAZQUEZ AND COX

**TCMP IMPLEMENTATION: RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

STAFF: HANS SHEPHERD, SENIOR PLANNER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff provided an update on the Residential Energy Efficiency Program introduced earlier this year. The program focuses on ways to improve the energy efficiency of existing housing stock within the City of Lacey. A significant emphasis of this plan has been placed on reducing residential energy consumption.

Assessed actions include residential energy performance ratings, residential energy audits, rental housing energy efficiency incentives, property tax credit, and rental housing energy efficiency baseline.

In collaboration with Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), City staff are conducting a gap analysis of existing programs which include areas of overlap, programmatic gaps, barriers for residents and homeowners. This analysis allows to better allocated limited resources while avoiding potential program redundancies.

Program review included efficiency boost program and home energy assessment program through Puget Sound Energy, low-income weatherization program through

Community Action Council and in-home energy assessments programs through Thurston Energy, which was discontinued after 2017 and Puget Sound Energy.

Existing program challenges include lack of program awareness, application requirements, competing priorities/time, program funding/rebates, total cost of improvements, and staffing/capacity challenges.

Staff are looking into existing program partnership (Puget Sound Energy) opportunities may include additional funding matches for existing rebate programs, awareness campaigns through events and Lacey communication channels, programmatic and administrative support for Lacey residents.

TRL Equipment Rental is a potential partner with the existing infrastructure in place to support an energy assessment rental program which includes appliance meter and voltage detector, thermal camera and moisture meter, carbon monoxide detector, fiber-optic borescope, and blower door and guidance materials.

Staff are considering contracting with existing assessors to perform home assessments and weatherization for Lacey Residents.

#### **QUASI-JUDICIAL PERMITTING PROCESS UPDATE**

STAFF: GRANT BECK, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff provided an update on the quasi-judicial permitting process.

Based on the last Worksession discussion with Council, staff has prepared an ordinance and a staff report for Council consideration in an upcoming Council meeting. The three options that will be presented to Council are, make the decision themselves, the Council can be the appellate body at local appeal, or the hearing examiners decision can be final and appealable to court.