



SCA Public Issues Committee MINUTES

October 9, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Council President Ed Prince, Renton, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

25 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included Councilmember Pam Fernald, SeaTac (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Krystal Marx, Burien; Doug Levy, City of Renton consultant; Tom Goff, King County staff; Jenny Huston, King County staff; Shannon Braddock, King County staff; Bill Vadino, City of Federal Way staff; Susan Oxholm, King County staff; Kelsey Beck, City of Seattle staff; and Diana Hart, City of Woodinville staff.

2. Public Comment

Chair Prince asked if any member of the public would like to provide public comment. Seeing none, Chair Prince closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the September 11, 2019 PIC Minutes

Chair Prince asked if there were any amendments to the September 11, 2019 PIC minutes.

Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Councilmember Lydia Assefa Dawson, Federal Way, to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Prince wished Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, a happy birthday. Prince reported that the SCA Executive Board recently met with King County Executive Dow Constantine. He said that among the issues discussed was the regional homelessness response and noted that this topic would be discussed at greater length in agenda item 8.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported that the call for nominations for 2020 regional board and committee appointments has been sent out to elected officials and encouraged PIC members to apply to serve. She noted that she would be hosting a call on October 29, 2019 at noon to answer any questions that members may have about applying. Members can also contact Dawson or Policy Director Brian Parry with questions. Applications are due on November 6, 2019.

Dawson noted that the SCA Board would be voting at its October 16, 2019 meeting on proposed 2020 member dues, 2020 SCA budget, and bylaw amendments. Each will be sent to membership for review and comment before being voted on at the SCA Annual Meeting on December 4, 2019. Questions on each can be directed to Dawson.

Dawson noted two upcoming SCA events: the SCA Partner Forum with Seattle/King County Building Trades (topic: Community Workforce Agreements) to be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 11:30 AM at Local 32, Renton. Lunch will be provided free for members. An SCA Networking Dinner (guest speakers SCA retiring members Mayor Ken Hearing, Councilmember Margaret Harto, and Mayor John Marchione, sponsor Sound Transit) will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at Renton Pavilion Event Center.

Dawson referenced an email she forwarded to members regarding fentanyl safety from King County Public Health, and asked that members share the information with their communities. More information can be found on the Public Health [website](#).

6. Appointment of 2020 PIC Nominating Committee

Chair Prince reported that the SCA bylaws state that the PIC Chair will appoint members of the PIC Nominating Committee annually in October. Chair Prince reported that he is appointing the following members:

- Councilmember Chance La Fleur, Enumclaw, representing the South Valley Caucus
- Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, representing the Snoqualmie Valley Caucus;
- Council President Ed Prince, Renton, representing the South Caucus; and,
- Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, representing the North Caucus.

Executive Director Dawson said that the PIC Nominating Committee will meet in November to make recommendations for 2020 regional board and committee appointments, and will continue to meet as needed to fill vacancies that arise during the year.

7. 2020 SCA Legislative Agenda

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that the SCA Legislative Committee recently held its first meeting to begin developing legislative priorities for 2020. At future meetings, PIC will review the recommendations of the Legislative Committee and recommend the proposed Legislative Agenda to the SCA Board, by whom it may be formally adopted. Parry reviewed the SCA 2019 Legislative Agenda, which focused on legislative requests in three priority issue areas: addressing the affordable housing and homelessness crisis; investing in transportation infrastructure and mobility; and, providing tools for cities to address critical local priorities. He noted the legislature did not significantly increase revenue tools for to address local transportation needs; however, significant legislation was approved reflecting SCA priorities for affordable housing, state-shared revenues, and other priorities.

Parry said that at the SCA Legislative Committee meeting, members identified several priorities to begin considering for 2020, including engaging in anticipated discussions around a statewide transportation package to ensure that local funding needs are addressed; the importance of developing a consistent message related to the importance of maintaining local control over issues affecting cities; and, continuing to seek sustainable funding options for cities.

Parry introduced AWC Director of Government Affairs, Candice Bock, who provided an overview of [2020 legislative priorities](#) adopted by the AWC board. The AWC board adopted seven priorities for the 2020 session:

- Adopt a comprehensive city transportation package that provides new resources and options;
- Fully fund the Public Works Trust Fund;
- Create a tax increment (TIF) option for cities;
- Preserve city fiscal health with secure funding sources;
- Support statewide medication assisted treatment (MAT) services in city and regional jails with local flexibility;
- Advance a watershed-based strategic plan to address local fish-blocking culverts along with state culverts; and,
- Continue to pursue new resources and policies to increase affordable housing both at the state and local level.

Executive Director Dawson highlighted that TIF was also discussed by the SCA Legislative Committee and are looking for examples from member cities of projects that such a tool would help move forward. Bock agreed that this would be helpful and noted that it is important to highlight examples showing that TIF would bring more revenue to the state by encouraging development that would not otherwise occur.

Councilmember Catherine Stanford asked if examples could be provided from other states that do allow TIF to show the revenue benefits. Bock said that AWC has created [fact sheets](#) on each of the seven legislative priorities, including a [fact sheet related to TIF](#) that may help address that question.

Bock said that AWC is focused on being a year-round advocate for cities, not just during the legislative session. She said it is important for city elected officials to be speaking with their legislators throughout the year to build relationships and help them understand the needs of cities. Bock encouraged all cities to develop a legislative agenda and asked that the AWC agenda be incorporated if possible.

Mayor Erin Sitterley, SeaTac, said the city adopted their legislative agenda and identified local control as their number one issue.

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, said funding the Public Works Trust Fund is critical to smaller cities that require the low interest rate provided by the fund to support major infrastructure improvements, such as wastewater facilities.

Mayor Elaine Cook, Woodinville, said that providing funding tools for cities needs to be a priority for any transportation package. She said the city has been creative in finding strategies to address its transportation infrastructure needs, but that these needs will continue to grow as the city sees new development in its downtown core.

Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond, said that several cities have worked together to build a coalition to address the needs of Hwy 18, including serious safety concerns. She noted the importance of telling the local story to members of the legislature.

Deputy Mayor Austin Bell, Burien, said that the state needs to work to site a new regional airport outside of the region.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, said that affordable housing and mobility are major quality of life needs and should be priorities. He suggested providing more information to legislators about the significant funding benefit the state receives from new growth that is occurring in cities and that those implementing the Growth Management Act should see tangible support from the state in doing so. Bock noted that AWC has developed a "[Washington Cities by the Numbers](#)" handout to help tell the story of city contributions to the state's economy and tax base.

8. Proposed King County Regional Homelessness Authority

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson led members in a discussion about the proposed King County Regional Homelessness Authority. She noted that SCA staff sent a list of questions to King County based on the questions raised at PIC, by the SCA Board, at RPC, and through other feedback, including the formal feedback and questions submitted by members that was included in the PIC materials. Those questions were included in PIC materials, as were the answers received to date from the County. SCA is still awaiting responses to some of the questions.

Dawson walked members through the draft statement of principles included in the PIC materials:

- **The Sound Cities Association (SCA) recognizes that homelessness is a regional crisis**
 - People are experiencing homelessness throughout the region
 - The acute crisis in Seattle affects the rest of the region
 - There are differences in the challenges, and solutions, in subregions of the county that need to be addressed sub-regionally
- **Sub-regional planning is key to the success of a region-wide effort**
 - We need better clarity on how sub-regional plans would be incorporated into a regional plan, and how sub-regional planning efforts would be supported by a proposed regional entity
 - There must be a commitment that funding will be disbursed equitably throughout county
 - Cities have been told that funds will be distributed without regard to whether a jurisdiction agrees to sign onto an ILA or service agreement – this must be formalized in the legislation
- **SCA members have significant questions about the value of forming a new government (PDA) to tackle the challenges of a fractured system**
 - There are questions about whether the new proposal would be more efficient, or simply more bureaucracy
 - SCA cities have requested details on current administrative costs, and anticipated administrative costs under the new proposal

- Questions remain about how signatories would extricate themselves from the structure if it does not work, and/or if future council budgets do not fund, and whether a sunset clause should be built into the legislation
- We must ensure that the new entity is not creating additional silos (with behavioral health, affordable housing, and other systems)
- **Before a new entity would be formed, there needs to be high level agreement among policy makers across the region on what objectives we have for an entity**
 - A common shared understanding of goals is a minimum – more detail on a plan for how to achieve these goals will likely be necessary for many to decide whether to participate
- **If a new governance structure is established, policy makers (elected officials) should set policy**
 - A board of experts to oversee day to day operations may make sense but large regional policy decisions, and major budgetary decisions, need to be made by elected officials, who are accountable to the public
- **Any board/committee of elected officials should have equitable distribution of power between King County, Seattle, and SCA cities**
 - A minimum of two seats (north/east and south) for SCA members would be necessary to reflect the sub-regional planning efforts
 - Appointments to subcommittees and working board should be made jointly by SCA/County/Seattle
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She noted that this statement of principles was intended to capture the feedback received to date, and noted that an eventual policy position adopted by SCA may differ due to ongoing negotiations and discussions. She sought feedback from members on whether the statement accurately reflected the issues raised by cities to date.

She noted that cities generally seemed to fall generally into one of three camps at this stage: One group does not support pursuing a regional homelessness authority in partnership with King County and Seattle, and would not support moving forward regardless of what changes to the governance structure were made. A second group see value in some form of regional structure, but have questions or concerns about aspects of the current proposal that would need to be addressed before being supportive. And a third group is still digesting the information, and has not yet determined whether the idea is worth pursuing. Dawson noted that it would be helpful for members to identify where their city is at this point. If they have questions, it would be helpful to lay those out so that SCA can assist in getting them answered. If members have specific concerns or amendments to suggest, it would be helpful to hear those, so that we can see where there is alignment. And if cities do not support moving forward at all, it would also be helpful to know that.

Dawson noted that County staff offered to host a meeting on October 25, 2019 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM at the Tukwila Community Center to answer cities' questions. She asked that members share questions with SCA staff in advance of that meeting, so that SCA could assist in getting the questions answered.

Dawson briefed members on a conversation she had with King County Council Chair Dembowski, who had indicated that there did not appear to be support from a majority of County Councilmembers for the current proposal. Dawson noted that she shared this feedback with Executive staff, who noted that the legislative process was ongoing. Specifically, Dembowski indicated that many members of the Council (himself included) were not supportive of forming a PDA, and that while there may be support for addressing a fractured crisis response system the case had not been made that formation of a PDA was necessary to address the issue.

Dawson also addressed the timing of decision-making by the Regional Policy Committee (RPC), and County and City Councils. This point was raised at the RPC meeting just before the PIC meeting. RPC Chair von Reichbauer and King County Council Chair Dembowski indicated at RPC that the timing was not settled. Von Reichbauer noted that he was committed to getting the issue right, not meeting what he viewed as an artificial deadline. Dembowski suggested that the legislation might be ready by December.

Dawson noted that the previously appointed "Executive Leadership Group" appointees consisting of PIC Chair Ed Prince and Mayors John Chelminiak, Bellevue, and Nancy Backus, Auburn, were continuing to represent SCA in discussions. A meeting of those SCA representatives and representatives of the King County and Seattle City Councils to discuss possible amendments to the proposed legislation is scheduled for Friday October 11.

Dawson invited members to ask questions and share feedback on the proposal, including any potential amendments. She also asked members to share whether their cities had opposition to the proposal that could not be addressed by potential amendments.

Council President Tola Marts, Issaquah, commended County staff for the amount of outreach they had conducted to seek feedback and address questions. He noted that Issaquah wanted to get to yes, but that many questions remained. He opined that the statement of principles in the PIC materials described the questions and concerns well. He noted that it was a good idea to do something different as the current system is not working. He noted concerns with the proposed governance model, and felt that some compromise could be reached. He suggested that perhaps elected officials should have operational oversight, with advice and guidance from technical experts. He felt that experts could provide input on policies. He stated that control of the entity would need to be accountable, and that meant leadership by elected officials in some form – whether the body was directly elected or made up with elected officials from jurisdictions.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, agreed that the statement of principles did a good job of capturing city input. She noted that Tukwila also wanted to get to yes. She noted challenges on partnering due to past misstatements from Seattle about how Tukwila dealt with

homelessness. She noted that some issues would need to be addressed via contract on a city by city basis. She felt that more detail would be needed on how to address these issues. She noted that to move forward, there would need to be more representation from SCA members in any governance structure.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, agreed that the draft statement of principles captured the questions and concerns raised by cities. She said Des Moines supports a regional approach. She noted that the fractured nature of the system was not limited to crisis response. She recalled an earlier briefing at PIC on One Table, and the systemic factors leading to homelessness (affordable housing, behavioral health, child welfare system, criminal justice system, employment). She was concerned that the proposal did not address the root causes of homelessness, and prevention of homelessness. She noted that simply addressing the symptoms would not lead to meaningful progress.

Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, said that most would agree that our current crisis response system is fragmented. He noted challenges for providers dealing with multiple grant applications and reporting requirements, as well as duplicated administrative costs. While he agreed that this fragmentation should be addressed, he was concerned with any proposal that did not put elected policy makers in a decision-making role. He questioned the need to form a PDA, wondering whether the fragmentation issues could be addressed by an ILA between Seattle and King County.

Councilmember Chance La Fleur, Enumclaw, stated that Enumclaw did not support creation of a regional entity. Enumclaw will be sending a letter to this effect to the King County Executive. He noted concerns with how the City of Seattle is addressing the homelessness crisis, and expressed skepticism over entrusting regional decision-making to Seattle. He noted concerns about the acute challenges of Seattle spreading to the rest of the region. He stated that a regional approach that did not create a new government might be better than the current proposal, but that a regional governance structure tied to Seattle was not something that Enumclaw would support regardless of changes to the model.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, stated that Lake Forest Park does not support the creation of a PDA and that the city had adopted a resolution to that effect. They encouraged looking at other models, such as a Public Health model. Lake Forest Park does want to move forward with a regional approach, but does not feel that this is the way to do it. Stanford was insulted by the County's one-word response to SCA's question regarding whether another model could address the challenges of a fractured system. She also wanted more information about the in-progress Regional Action Plan prior to taking action. She felt that moving forward with a governance structure without a plan was putting the cart before the horse.

La Fleur noted that Seattle appears to be addressing symptoms of a problem rather than the underlying issues.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, referred PIC members to the statement in the PIC materials from Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, which lays out the questions and

concerns of the City of Federal Way. Federal Way questions whether creation of a new governmental entity is necessary to address the fractured system. She wondered whether a new entity would eventually become a new taxing district.

Dawson (SCA) noted that it may be possible through legislation to expressly preclude an entity from seeking taxing authority, and/or to limit the administrative costs of an entity. She asked members to consider what other sorts of amendments they might wish to propose. She noted that based on feedback prior to the meeting, it appeared that members agreed without exception that at a minimum, any new entity would need to have representation from SCA that is equal to that of Seattle and King County. Members agreed unanimously that this would be necessary.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, commented on the benefits of SCA in bringing together diverse perspectives. He said his concerns centered on the impacts of a new authority on existing human services investments in communities. He noted that dollars from “King County” were revenues raised from cities. Our cities need representation. Sub-regional planning is critical. Margeson wanted to see what measures of success would be, and what the goals of the entity would be. He agreed that something needs to be done to address the crisis.

Mayor Elaine Cook, Woodinville, recalled the points raised by Bellevue Mayor Chelminiak at the prior PIC meeting about the need to set high level, but specific goals on measures of success. We need to have agreement on what those goals will be before moving forward. We need to measure, and have tangible results.

Mayor Erin Sitterly agreed on the need for goals. She stated that high-level goals are not enough and that we need to get to a granular level. She pointed to the work of [HealthierHere](#) as a model to emulate. She pointed to the need for objective goals and data.

Dawson asked members if they wished to consider bringing back a position for possible action at the next PIC meeting.

Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, to bring back the following principles back for possible action at the next PIC meeting:

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Kruller asked for clarification on whether there was an understanding that the position might be amended in the meantime to reflect ongoing feedback from cities. Members noted agreement.

Cook asked for clarification on when the County Council might act, and whether they might act without input from SCA. Dawson noted that the legislation had been referred to RPC, and that

PIC would be giving direction to SCA members on RPC. The timing of County Council action was unclear, but based on discussions at RPC it appeared unlikely that action would happen prior to the next PIC meeting.

Roberts asked whether anything was known about where candidates for Seattle City Council and King County Council stood on the proposal, and noted that this could affect the matter if action were not taken by the end of the year. The positions of candidates were not known.

Buxton asked for Dawson to clarify expectations of members before the next meeting. Dawson asked that members provide SCA staff with remaining questions in advance of the October 25th briefing, so that County staff could prepare responses to the questions in advance of the meeting. She asked that all cities send a representative to that meeting. She asked that cities share with SCA staff their feedback so that their representatives in negotiations (Prince, Backus, Chelminiak) and representatives on RPC could accurately reflect the concerns of all cities. She also asked that cities be candid about where they are, and that they let SCA know if they simply do not support the proposal, regardless of any amendments that might be able to be negotiated.

Councilmember John Holman, Auburn, spoke in favor of the motion, noting that it was important to keep discussions ongoing. He also noted that too much focus on details could mean missing a window to make an impact.

The motion passed 24-1, with Enumclaw voting against.

9. Affordable Housing

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an update on the work of the King County Regional Affordable Housing Committee. The Committee is made up of representatives from SCA, King County, the City of Seattle, housing providers, private sector partners, housing advocates, philanthropy, and others. The Committee is tasked with developing, overseeing, and supporting recommendations to implement the Five-Year Action Plan developed in 2018 by the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force.

The AHC recently adopted [recommendations](#) related to the state sales tax credit established by House Bill 1406, and is working to develop a prioritized work plan from the actions identified in the [Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five-Year Action Plan](#).

The Regional Affordable Housing Task Force's Five-Year Action Plan contained over 100 separate actions that were identified as opportunities to address the region's affordable housing crisis. These actions are summarized [here](#). Parry noted that these recommendations were approved not as mandates – recognizing the effectiveness of strategies will depend in part on local circumstances and housing market – but instead as a menu of options for jurisdictions to consider where the region could collaborate and provide mutual support toward implementation.

At its most recent meeting the Committee identified [top priorities](#) from the Action Plan for public feedback and possible action by the Committee in 2020. The Committee is soliciting

feedback on the identified priorities with a goal of further refining the list to two or three priorities that will be selected by the Committee in November.

Parry said that during prior PIC discussions as the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five-Year Action Plan was being developed, PIC members provided feedback that they would like to see priority given to providing technical assistance, recommended policies, and other support the work of cities to implement housing strategies. Cities expressed that solutions cannot be one-size fits all and that resources are needed to tailor potential solutions to local housing markets. Cities also expressed support for monitoring the results of new housing policies and having more information available as to what efforts were succeeding and where.

Of the priorities being considered by the AHC, what do PIC members feel would be most valuable to your city to assist with addressing the region's affordable housing crisis? What other priority actions should be the focus of the AHC?

Parry encouraged members to review the approved goals, strategies, and actions and provide additional recommendations on the areas of greatest need or where coordination through the KCACH would be most beneficial to their cities.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, said that some of the priorities identified by the Committee should be combined rather than being lost when the list is further refined. She said that one of the priorities may be addressed as part of the update to VISION 2050, which will focus additional housing around transit.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, cited the [Housing Market Conditions Across America's Cities](#) report recently published by the National League of Cities as a useful tool for cities to better understand their local housing market and how to address the need for affordable housing within each market type.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, said that the priorities being considered by the Affordable Housing Committee are good ones, but that they focus too much on what cities should give rather than opportunities to lower the cost of construction consistent with the Challenge Seattle [Call to Action](#).

Mayor Penny Sweet, Kirkland, said that she was working with other mayors on the north end on an effort to have a common, streamlined permitting process to promote affordable housing development. Margeson said that he agreed that timelines and certainty can be as important as reducing development costs.

Councilmember Chance LaFleur, Enumclaw, said that affordable housing is largely a supply and demand issue and that more needs to be done across the spectrum of housing types to increase supply, including streamlining permitting and looking at the cost of impact fees.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, said that permitting can create a barrier in some jurisdictions. He said there are ways cities can incentivize affordable housing development, but that infrastructure to support that growth still needs to be paid for.

10. Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on levies and ballot measures that will be on the November general election ballot. He noted that the SCA member cities of Covington, Duvall, Federal Way, Medina, and Shoreline all have measures going before voters. He also highlighted that the Medic One Emergency Medical Services countywide levy will be on the ballot.

Mayor Elaine Cook, Woodinville, informed members that the Northshore Parks and Recreation Services Area levy on the ballot in November is to fund capital improvements to the Northshore senior center but that they were unable to have that information included in the title of the measure.

11. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that the Pre-PIC in November will be on the Martin vs. the City of Boise.

Executive Director Deanna Dawson said that in board elections will be held at the December PIC meeting. She noted that Mayor Guier will rotate into the past president seat and a new member will be needed to represent the South Valley Caucus.

12. Informational Items

Chair Prince noted that an informational item is included in the PIC packet related to I-976, King County Charter Regional Committees, and VISION 2050.

13. Upcoming Events

Upcoming SCA events include:

- a. SCA Networking Dinner (guest speakers SCA retiring members Mayor Ken Hearing, Councilmember Margaret Harto, and Mayor John Marchione, sponsor Sound Transit) – Wednesday, October 30, 2019 – 5:30 to 8:00 PM – Renton Pavilion Event Center;
- b. SCA Public Issues Committee – Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM (6:00 PM Pre-PIC Workshop on Martin v. City of Boise decision and implications for cities) – Renton City Hall;
- c. SCA Partner Forum with CenturyLink (topic: infrastructure and economic development) – Thursday, November 21, 2019 – 3:00 PM – location to be determined;
- d. SCA Annual Meeting (guest speaker University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce, sponsor Comcast) – Wednesday, December 4, 2019 – 5:30 to 8:00 PM – Renton Pavilion and Event Center; and,
- e. SCA Public Issues Committee – Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM (6:00 PM SCA Board Elections) – Renton City Hall.

14. For the Good of the Order

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, said that the City of Bothell recognized the heroic actions of five people who worked together to save someone from jumping from a bridge and onto I-405. McNeal also recognized Lieutenant Kirk Robinson of the Bothell Fire Department for his service to the community. Robinson recently passed away following a battle with cancer. PIC members observed a moment of silence in his honor.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, said that she attended Purple Light Nights in Covington, which is an event to raise awareness about domestic violence. She said that she also attended the Algona-Pacific Purple Light Night run. Buxton noted that the Silent Witness Project in Renton City Hall is very moving. She commented that it is important to keep focus on this issue impacting everyone's communities.

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
Auburn	Nancy Backus	John Holman
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Aletha Howes
Bellevue	John Stokes	Janice Zahn
Black Diamond	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
Bothell	James McNeal	Davina Duerr
Burien	Austin Bell	Nancy Tosta
Carnation	Dustin Green	Kim Lisk
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin
Covington	Fran Hollums	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.
Des Moines	Traci Buxton	Matt Mahoney
Duvall	Michelle Hogg	Jennifer Knaplund
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Mike Sando
Federal Way	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Martin Moore
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Chris Reh
Kenmore	David Baker	Nigel Herbig
Kent	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
Kirkland	Toby Nixon	Jay Arnold
Lake Forest Park	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Linda Johnson
Medina	Sheree Wen	Alex Morcos
Mercer Island	Benson Wong	Tom Acker
Milton	Shanna Styron Sherrell	Mary Tompkins
Newcastle	Allen Dauterman	Carol Simpson
Normandy Park	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Jonathan Chicquette
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing
Pacific	Leanne Guier	David Storaasli
Redmond	Hank Margeson	Angela Birney
Renton	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
Sammamish	Christie Malchow	Karen Moran
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Keith Scully
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Katherine Ross	Matt Larson
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Zac Idan
Woodinville	Elaine Cook	
Yarrow Point	Dicker Cahill	
SCA	Deanna Dawson Brian Parry	Cynthia Foley Alexis Mercedes Rinck Leah Willoughby

Voting members are highlighted. Cities represented are **bolded**.