



SCA Public Issues Committee DRAFT MINUTES

December 11, 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 7:05 PM. 29 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Angela Birney, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Councilmember John Holman, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent; Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah; Councilmember Erin Stout, Black Diamond; Diana Hart, Woodinville staff; Doug Levy, Renton consultant; Tom Goff, King County Council staff; Helena Stephens, City of Bellevue staff; and, Hannah Smith, City of Seattle 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 November 13, 2019 PIC Minutes

Chair Prince asked if there were any amendments to the November 13, 2019 PIC minutes.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond, to approve the November 13, 2019 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Prince recognized PIC members and alternates who are retiring and will not be returning to PIC in 2020. Retiring PIC members include Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond; Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park; Councilmember Jonathan Chicquette, Normandy Park; Councilmember Sheree Wen, Medina; Councilmember Barre Siebert, Clyde Hill; Councilmember Janie Edelman, Black Diamond; Deputy Mayor Austin Bell, Burien; and Mayor Allen Dauterman, Newcastle. Retiring PIC alternates include Councilmember John Holman, Auburn; Mayor Ken Hearing, North Bend; Councilmember Carol Simpson, Newcastle; and Councilmember George Martin, Clyde Hill. Chair Prince thanked all of them for their service on behalf of SCA and the region.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported on the work of the SCA representatives on the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) to ensure SCA voices provided meaningful influence over the development of the update to the regional long-range plan for growth, VISION 2050. The updated plan was unanimously recommended for approval by the GMPB at its meeting on December 5. She recognized Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, for his leadership as vice chair of the GMPB; as well as Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland, for his

leadership as the SCA GMPB caucus chair, and PIC member Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines and PIC alternate Councilmember John Holman, Auburn for their work on the GMPB on behalf of SCA. Dawson noted that work to finalize and implement VISION will continue in 2020, and it will be especially important that all our representatives on the PSRC Executive Board work together to ensure that the good work of SCA GMPB members makes its way into final adoption.

6. Election of the 2020 PIC Chair and Vice Chair

Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported that in November, PIC members were encouraged to submit nominations to serve as PIC chair and vice chair in 2020. Current PIC Vice Chair Christie Malchow of Sammamish was nominated to serve as PIC Chair, and current PIC member Bill Boyce of Kent was nominated to serve as PIC Vice Chair. The PIC Nominating Committee met on November 26, 2019 to review nominations and recommends that Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, be elected 2020 PIC Chair and Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, be elected 2020 PIC Vice Chair.

Chair Prince moved, seconded by Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, that Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, be elected 2020 PIC Chair and Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, be elected 2020 PIC Vice Chair. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Regional Board and Committee Appointments

Nominating Committee member Councilmember Chance LaFleur, Enumclaw, reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on November 26 and December 3, 2019 to develop a list of recommended appointments to regional boards and committees for consideration by PIC. He said the committee worked hard to find committee assignments for as many people as possible and was successful at striking a balance on committees of representatives from different geographic areas and from different sized cities.

Executive Director Dawson noted that there are open positions for which not enough applications were received prior to the PIC meeting. These include an alternate seat on the Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC); two alternate seats on the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee; one member seat on the Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee. She noted that SCA has received a volunteer for EMAC, and encouraged members to inform SCA if they or their fellow councilmembers are interested in serving in any of these open positions in 2020. Any additional nominees will be brought to the SCA Board of Directors for their consideration at their next meeting on December 18.

Councilmember Chance LaFleur, Enumclaw, moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, to recommend the SCA Board of Directors approve the 2020 Regional Board and Committee appointments as shown in [Attachment B](#) to these minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. 2020 State Legislative Agenda

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that in November PIC voted to consider action at the December meeting on a proposed 2020 SCA Legislative Agenda. The SCA Legislative Committee

met September 30, November 12, and December 4, 2019 to develop SCA's 2020 legislative priorities. PIC discussed potential priorities in October and a draft legislative agenda was provided to PIC members in November. At the November PIC meeting, PIC members were asked to provide any proposed amendments to enable consideration by the SCA Legislative Committee at its meeting on December 4. PIC members expressed support for the priorities highlighted in the proposed agenda and no recommended changes were provided.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to recommend the SCA Board of Directors approve the following 2020 SCA Legislative Priorities:

Address the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Crisis

The state and cities must partner to preserve and increase the supply of affordable housing as, well as address behavioral health needs and other root causes of homelessness. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- *Allow cities to create and preserve affordable housing through optional local tools, including extending the timeline to approve a "qualifying local tax" provided under HB 1406 adopted in the 2019 legislative session*
- *Continue to expand investment in the Housing Trust Fund*
- *Address other underlying causes of homelessness by providing support to cities to implement innovative local solutions and increasing investments in our state's behavioral health system*

Invest in Transportation Infrastructure and Mobility

The economic vitality of our state demands that we invest in our existing transportation infrastructure and prioritize new investments that improve the movement of people and goods. Cities have increased investments in local transportation systems, but still face an annual funding gap for maintenance and operation of those systems of \$1 billion statewide. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- *Partner with cities to develop a comprehensive transportation bill that provides new resources and options for local government to address transportation and mobility needs*

Fully Fund the Public Works Trust Fund and Provide Options for Local Infrastructure Needs

Today's cities are building the infrastructure necessary to accommodate a growing population and economy. Investments in infrastructure keep communities vibrant, protect the environment, and attract economic development. Cities need tools to lower the cost of providing local infrastructure and to avoid further exacerbating the housing affordability crisis. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- *Fully fund the Public Works Trust Fund*
- *Support economic development tools that help maintain and expand local infrastructure, such as Tax Increment Financing and similar tools*

Preserve Local Decision-Making Authority

Cities possess strong local knowledge and authority to keep communities safe, healthy, and improve quality of life. It is critical cities maintain the authority to provide the necessary services and retain local control over land use planning that will help communities thrive.

Provide the Tools for Cities to Address Local Priorities

City revenue streams are limited and are not structured to sustainably keep-up with rising costs. Cities need flexible local funding tools, fewer unfunded mandates, and continued support from the state for shared responsibilities. Sound Cities Association urges the Legislature to:

- *Replace the arbitrary 1% cap on annual property tax increases with a limit tied to inflation plus population growth*
- *Meet the state's commitment to revenues intended to be shared with cities to serve our shared constituents*
- *Continue streamlined sales tax mitigation to affected cities*

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Proposed King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported on the proposed Regional Homelessness Authority first transmitted on September 4, 2019, by King County Executive Dow Constantine and Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan to their respective councils. The proposed entity would address homelessness crisis response.

At the November 13, 2019 PIC meeting, PIC recommended SCA Board adoption of principles to provide feedback to the County Council, and to guide members on the Executive Leadership Group (ELG) and Regional Policy Committee (RPC) as they weigh-in on the proposal. The principles recommended by PIC were adopted by the SCA Board on November 20 and a letter containing those principles was sent to King County Council Chair Rod Dembowski on November 21.

On December 5, the RPC considered an alternative proposed Ordinance 2019-0478 sponsored by King County Councilmembers Kohl-Welles, Dembowski, and von Reichbauer. The new ordinance differs from the original transmittal in several significant ways, including: establishing the Authority through interlocal agreement between Seattle and King County rather than as a Public Development Authority; equal representation on the Governing Committee of three members each from SCA, Seattle, King County, and individuals with lived experience; and, increased authority for the Governing Committee to amend and approve plans and budgets. At the RPC meeting on December 5, SCA members successfully advocated for amendments to the proposed ILA to ensure that sub-regional planning serves as the basis for the Authority's plans, and to strengthen reporting requirements from the proposed Authority.

The RPC voted unanimously on December 5 to approve Ordinance 2019-0478 as amended and the County Council approved the recommended ordinance on December 11. In addition to

approval by King County, Seattle must also approve an identical ILA (*note: the Seattle City Council approved the ILA – as approved by King County – on December 16, 2019*).

Mayor Elaine Cook, Woodinville, asked what would happen if the City of Seattle wanted to go a different direction and if the county could still withdraw from the ILA. Dawson noted that if any amendments were adopted by Seattle then the ILA would have to return to the beginning of the county's approval process in 2020.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, said that she supported the changes made to the proposal by the RPC and asked for information to be shared with PIC members that they could take to their respective city councils.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, said that she was happy with the proposal approved by RPC and thanked SCA representatives and staff who worked on the issue.

Councilmember John Stokes, Bellevue, noted that he serves as an SCA representative on the RPC. He noted that reaching agreement required a lot of negotiation among the parties. He recognized Dawson for her work on behalf of SCA.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, said that he appreciated the work of SCA representatives to the RPC, PIC, and the Executive Leadership Group on behalf of SCA. He said that PIC is the most influential policy body in the region and that SCA's influence throughout deliberations on the issue was proof of that.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, echoed the comments of previous speakers and expressed her appreciation for the work of SCA members and staff.

10. 2020 SCA Priorities

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson led a roundtable discussion of cities' regional priorities for 2020. She asked members to share priorities for their cities and provide input on regional issues that are most important for SCA to become engaged in the coming year. She said that topics identified by PIC will be discussed by the SCA Board at their retreat in 2020 and will help guide the organization. In addition, topics identified could also be the basis for future PIC discussion items or pre-PIC workshops in 2020.

Dawson highlighted a variety of issues identified by SCA staff that may be of interest to members in 2020, including:

- Transportation and mobility, including Metro transit service and funding
- Managing growth and addressing its impacts, including implementation of VISION 2050
- Homelessness and governance of the region's response system, including potential implementation of the Regional Homelessness Authority
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion, including planning for the 2020 Governing for Racial Equity Conference
- Clean water plan and capital investments

- Affordable housing
- Best Starts for Kids Levy renewal
- The 2020 census, and work of the King County Regional Census Committee
- Solid waste and the future of recycling and disposal, including review of the new Waste to Energy study
- Addressing public safety concerns
- Apprenticeships and workforce development
- Local infrastructure needs
- Environmental sustainability
- Economic development and expanding opportunity for prosperity
- Behavioral health
- Addressing the need for sustainable sources of funding for cities, and addressing budgetary challenges
- Strengthening civic discourse
- Education and training for newly elected officials

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, said she would like to see SCA continue its work to create job opportunities and career pathways.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, said that sustainable local funding and shaping the Best Starts for Kids levy renewal are priorities.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Parks said that education and training for newly elected officials as well as expanding economic prosperity are priorities.

Mayor Elaine Cook, Woodinville, said the work of PIC in 2019 helped benefit the City of Woodinville, in particular in the area of affordable housing and their efforts to develop a housing strategy for the city. She noted that housing and mobility go hand in hand.

Councilmember Carol Simpson, Newcastle, noted that there would be a lot of turnover of SCA members on regional committees and said that training for new committee members would be important in 2020.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, said that he agreed that advocating for sustainable local funding tools, especially for needed infrastructure, should be a priority.

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, said that disaster and emergency response should be prioritized. She said work on economic development should focus on having an inclusive economy that supports small business.

Councilmember Angela Birney, Redmond, said she would like to see a focus on leadership training.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, highlighted homelessness, community safety, and equity and inclusion as priorities.

Councilmember Chance LaFleur, Enumclaw, said that local infrastructure should be a priority as well as efforts to increase the supply of housing in the region to address the affordability crisis.

Councilmember Michelle Hogg, Duvall, said she agreed with others that sustainable funding is critically important.

Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, said that he would like to see SCA work to connect elected officials with mentors from among their peers.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted that Metro would be updating their service guidelines in 2020 and it would be important for SCA to be engaged in that work. He said SCA should look for opportunities to partner with King County in support of sustainable local funding tools.

Councilmember Alan Gothelf, North Bend, highlighted water rights as an emerging issue that will impact cities.

Councilmember Katherine Ross, Snoqualmie, said that she is concerned about sustainable funding as well as the impacts of I-976 on local transportation needs.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, said that Auburn is moving forward with work to address racial bias and equity in 2020.

Deputy Mayor Austin Bell, Burien, said that Burien successfully developed policies related to tenant protections and that it would be beneficial to have cities coordinate their policies.

Councilmember Sue-Ann Hohimer, Normandy Park, suggested a future pre-PIC workshop dedicated to members sharing ideas to address SCA priorities.

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, noted recent pedestrian and bicycle fatality accidents in Bellevue and said that SCA should look for ways to raise awareness and improve safety.

11. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Public Issues Committee – Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM (6:00 PM Pre-PIC Workshop) – Renton City Hall
- b. SCA Newly Elected Officials Orientation – Thursday, January 30, 2020 – 2:00 to 4:00 PM – PSRC Board Room

12. For the Good of the Order

Deputy Mayor Austin Bell, Burien, reported that Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision in favor of the City of Burien in Burien's lawsuit against the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) arising from the FAA's change of a flight path over Burien without environmental review.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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	
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	
Milton	Shanna Styron Sherrell	Mary Tompkins
Newcastle	Allen Dauterman	Carol Simpson
Normandy Park	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Jonathan Chicquette
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Alan Gothelf
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	James Evans	Elaine Cook
Yarrow Point	Dicker Cahill	
SCA	Deanna Dawson Brian Parry	Christa Valles Cynthia Foley

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