



## SCA Public Issues Committee

### MINUTES

March 10, 2021 – 7:00 PM

TELEPHONIC

#### 1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 29 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)).

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an overview of how the meeting would be facilitated using Zoom Webinar. He noted that any discussion in the chat logs would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes ([Attachment B](#)).

Guests present included:

Councilmember James Jeyaraj, Auburn (PIC alternate); Councilmember Rick Shaffer, Duvall (PIC alternate); Councilmember Kristina Soltys, Covington (PIC alternate); Councilmember Barbara de Michele, Issaquah (PIC alternate); Councilmember Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond (PIC alternate); Councilmember Corina Pfeil, Kenmore (PIC alternate); Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton (PIC alternate); Councilmember Susan Honda, Federal Way; Councilmember Ruth Perez, Renton; Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island; Sheila Capestany, King County staff; Diana Hart, Woodinville staff; Kyle Moore, SeaTac staff; Kelsey Beck, Seattle staff; Tom Goff, King County staff; Carrie Nass, Renton staff; Marcy Miller, King County staff; Doug Levy, Renton staff; Dean Rohla, Clyde Hill staff; Jenny Huston, King County staff; Rebecca Maskin, King County staff; Erika Harris, PSRC staff; Karen Wolf, King County staff.

#### 2. Public Comment

Chair Malchow asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment. Hearing none, the public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

#### 3. Approval of the January 13, 2021 PIC Minutes

Chair Malchow asked if there were any amendments to the February 10, 2021 PIC minutes. **Vice Chair Boyce, Kent, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to approve the February 10, 2021 minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### 4. Chair's Report

Chair Malchow asked PIC members to please be sure to RSVP for meetings in a timely manner. She said that SCA leadership would be meeting with King County Executive Dow Constantine the following day and encouraged members to contact her if they had any issues that should be discussed.

## **5. Executive Director's Report**

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported on the 2021 legislative session and in particular highlighted ongoing discussion of bills concerning emergency housing as well as addressing the *State v. Blake* decision; new funds for cities in the Coronavirus Local Recovery Fund; the status of the hiring of a CEO of the new Regional Homelessness Authority; and upcoming SCA events and workshops. Dawson also noted for members that topics for future PIC meetings are distributed two weeks prior to each PIC meeting to give members time to discuss topics with their councils and staff. She also noted for attendees that only PIC voting members are panelists during the virtual meetings, just as only voting members sit at the table in in person meetings, to ensure that each city has equal ability to participate. If alternates or city staff present have questions/comments, they can share those with their city's voting representative, who can in turn share with the group. Dawson welcomed the alternates and guests present at the meeting, and thanked them for their attendance. Dawson noted that several cities had appointed new councilmembers recently. She asked that PIC members share the names and contact information of new appointees with SCA. She extended congratulations to former PIC member Tom O'Dell, who was appointed to serve on the Sammamish City Council.

## **6. Best Starts for Kids Levy**

SCA Policy Analyst Alexis Mercedes Rinck introduced Sheila Capestany, King County Department of Community and Human Services Division Director who oversees the Children, Youth and Young Adult Division. Capestany presented to PIC on the Best Starts for Kids Levy renewal proposal and performance of the existing levy, which is set to expire at the end of 2021 ([Attachment C](#)).

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, said the amount of the increase in the levy year-over-year from 2020 to 2021 was concerning and could hurt public support for the levy. He also stressed the need for better data to show results of the levy supported programs.

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, noted that there are bills under consideration in the 2021 state legislative session that could change the landscape of services and need and encouraged collaboration between efforts.

Mayor Sue-Ann Hohimer, Normandy Park, asked for more information about client data collection and community engagement.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, said that she shared concerns others expressed about the size of the levy, but said that she is also very worried about the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on children and the need to address those concerns.

Councilmember Chance LaFleur, Enumclaw, asked what the county will do if the levy is not adopted by voters at the August election. He said that he is a supporter of the goals of the BSK levy and is concerned that residents are tax fatigued. Capestany answered that the decision on next steps, should that occur, would be up to elected leaders to determine.

Vice Chair Boyce, Kent, said that he shared concerns about the rate of increase proposed and asked about the process for awarding funding to service providers. Capestany responded that contracts are competitively bid and that contracts are terminated if an organization cannot meet their service metrics.

## **7. Countywide Planning Policies**

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry introduced Karen Wolf, Senior Policy Analyst with the King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget; and Rebeccah Maskin, Demographic Planner with the King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget. Wolf and Maskin presented on the purpose of the Countywide Planning Policies and revisions being considered in 2021 ([Attachment D](#)).

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, asked about the impact of the new policies on resources and whether staffing is available to do that work.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, noted that the city has taken-on significant new growth in recent years. He said he would like to see more data on the migration of people in and out of, and around, the region.

Councilmember Michelle Hogg, Duvall, said that the biggest challenge to growth in her community is the regional road network that connects to other communities and job centers.

## **8. Informational Items**

Chair Malchow noted that there were three informational items in the meeting packet concerning the 2021 Washington State legislative session; upcoming levies and ballot measures in King County; and potential upcoming SCA issues.

## **9. Upcoming Events**

Upcoming SCA events include:

- a. SCA Workshop: Is Zoom Ruining Your Relationships? (Or at Least Your Meetings?) with Ann Macfarlane and Jurassic Parliament – Friday, March 12, 2021 – Noon to 1:00 PM
- b. SCA Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – 10:00 AM to noon
- c. Meet the King County Council Series –Joe McDermott– Monday, March 22, 2021 – Noon to 1:00 PM
- d. Lunch with the SCA Board Series –De’Sean Quinn and Jim Ferrell– Friday, March 26, 2021 – Noon to 1:00 PM
- e. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM
- f. SCA Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – 10:00 AM to noon
- g. Meet the King County Council Series –Girmay Zahilay– Monday, April 26, 2021 – Noon to 1:00 PM

## **10. For the Good of the Order**

Councilmember Erin Stout, Black Diamond, announced that she would be moving out of state and therefore resigning from the city council and her position on PIC.

Mayor Sean Kelly, Maple Valley, noted that March is women's history month and recognized the many women in city leadership in King County.

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	none
<b>Auburn</b>	Nancy Backus	James Jeyaraj
Beaux Arts Village	Athena Howes	Tom Stowe
<b>Bellevue</b>	Janice Zahn	Jeremy Barksdale
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Erin Stout	Tamie Deady
Bothell	James McNeal	Tom Agnew
Burien	Krystal Marx	Nancy Tosta
<b>Carnation</b>	Dustin Green	Kim Lisk
<b>Clyde Hill</b>	Marianne Klaas	Kim Muromoto
<b>Covington</b>	Joseph Cimaomo	Kristina Soltys
<b>Des Moines</b>	Traci Buxton	none
<b>Duvall</b>	Michelle Hogg	Rick Shaffer
<b>Enumclaw</b>	Chance LaFleur	none
<b>Federal Way</b>	Martin Moore	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	none
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	Barbara de Michele
<b>Kenmore</b>	David Baker	Corina Pfeil
<b>Kent</b>	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
<b>Kirkland</b>	Kelli Curtis	Toby Nixon
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Tom French	Lorri Bodi
<b>Maple Valley</b>	Sean Kelly	Les Burberry
Medina	Jennifer Garone	Jessica Rossman
<b>Mercer Island</b>	David Rosenbaum	Benson Wong
Milton	Jim Gillespie	Shanna Styron Sherrell
<b>Newcastle</b>	Linda Newing	Tony Ventrella
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Ernest Thompson
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Heather Koellen
<b>Pacific</b>	Leanne Guier	none
<b>Redmond</b>	Angela Birney	Vanessa Kritzer
<b>Renton</b>	Armondo Pavone	Ed Prince
<b>Sammamish</b>	Christie Malchow	Kent Treen
<b>SeaTac</b>	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
<b>Shoreline</b>	Chris Roberts	Will Hall
<b>Skykomish</b>	Henry Sladek	none
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	Katherine Ross	Matt Larson
<b>Tukwila</b>	Kate Kruller	Zak Idan
<b>Woodinville</b>	Gary Harris	Rachel Best-Campbell
Yarrow Point	Dicker Cahill	none

Cities present at the meeting are **bolded**. Voting representatives present are highlighted.

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**Attachment B – Zoom Chat Log**

19:13:52 From Traci Buxton, Des Moines to All panelists : Deanna, I would love that information re the federal funding - thank you!

19:14:04 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila to All panelists : What happened to the first choice?

19:24:32 From Dustin Green, Carnation to All panelists : Is the presentation available online, or can it be emailed out to the PIC?