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SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

October 21, 2015 10:00 AM
Woodinville City Hall, Council Chambers
17301 133rd Ave NE, Woodinville, WA 98072

1. Call to Order

Matt Larson, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Members present: Nancy Backus, David Baker, Chris Eggen, Jim Haggerton, Bob Harrison, Dennis Higgins, Dave Hill, Matt Larson, Bernie Talmas, Amy Walen

Members Absent: Bill Allison, Don Gerend, John Marchione

Staff Present: Deanna Dawson, Kathleen Austad, Dana Hinman

2. Public Comment

President Larson asked if there was anyone present to provide public comment. Seeing none, he closed this section of the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

Chris Eggen moved, seconded by Nancy Backus, to approve the consent agenda. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter

President Larson postponed this item until later in the meeting.

5. President's Report

President Larson did not provide a report due to the full meeting agenda.

6. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, provided a report including topics such as: annual meeting keynote speaker; healthy housing; south regional conference; new taxi committee; and, homelessness camping.

7. EMS Advisory Task Force Appointments

Bernie Talmas moved, seconded by Nancy Backus, to appoint Councilmember Tom Agnew, Bothell, Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, Councilmember Michael Janasz, Skykomish, and Deputy Mayor Sean Kelly, Maple Valley as members to the EMS Advisory Task Force as recommended by the PIC and PIC Nominating Committee.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Finance Committee Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that the SCA Finance Committee is reviewing and discussing the proposed draft 2016 budget and membership dues assessment, 2017-2018 membership dues, and the Board Policy on the dues cap. Dawson thanked Sammamish for agreeing to include the population of the new annexation area in the calculation for 2016 membership dues. Dawson noted that there is no action necessary on the draft 2016 budget at this time as the numbers are still being fine-tuned, and that the draft 2016 budget will be on the next meeting agenda for the Board to review and recommend to the membership.

9. PIC Chair's Report

Bernie Talmas, Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair, reported that he appointed a new member, Duvall Councilmember Amy Ockerlander to the PIC Nominating Committee. The PIC made appointment recommendations to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Task Force. President Larson inquired if members had strong interest to discuss issues related to body cameras; members were interested in general.

Chair Talmas reported that the PIC also discussed member city concerns regarding affordable housing, and a potential amendment is being drafted by the city of Seattle to be submitted to the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) at the November meeting. Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, provided the most recent version of the city of Seattle amendment. Nancy Backus noted that the amendment does not harm SCA member cities.

Chair Talmas reported that the PIC received an update on the E911 Oversight issue, and thanked Dawson for her work on this issue. An agreement was reached due to SCA efforts. Dawson gave an update on the makeup of the E911 Oversight Committee that will be convened in the near future, and SCA role and number of seats on the committee.

Bob Harrison inquired on the issue of the United Way cutting services for seniors, and if private entities bring cooked food to shelter. David Baker stated that this issue is more localized to Issaquah and that Councilmember Marts is involved in discussions around this issue.

Nancy Backus reported that she recently toured shelters that are solely dependent on donations and explained her positive experience. Backus is exploring possibilities of siting a new shelter in Auburn. Amy Walen expressed her support and experience with shelters, and would like to increase donations. Walen inquired if cities should provide SCA with their efforts, to which Dawson responded positively and that

SCA staff is currently compiling the information that each city is doing on this issue and where regional solutions can play a part.

10. City Manager's Report

Bob Harrison reported that he was unable to attend the October 7, 2015 City Managers and Administrators meeting. Deanna Dawson, Executive Director, reported that the main conversation focused on homelessness in King County. The next step on this issue is for cities to work together for regional solutions.

11. Service Guidelines Task Force Final Report

Chris Eggen reported on the work of the Service Guidelines Task Force including: great concern regarding commuter buses; potential policy change that would strengthen equity and integrity; concern that east King County feels underserved; minor improvements. Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that while the task force did not solve the services that were cut, it did address additional services. There was agreement at the task force that there is more work to be done.

12. Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter

At 10:58 a.m., President Larson announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Deanna Dawson, Kathleen Austad, and Dana Hinman left during this portion of the meeting. At 11:12 a.m., the Board ended its Executive Session and the meeting was resumed.

13. Discussion Items

a. 2015 Members Emeritus

The Board discussed potential members that qualify for Member Emeritus status.

David Baker moved, seconded by Nancy Backus, to honor Shoreline Deputy Mayor Chris Eggen, and Tukwila Mayor Jim Haggerton as Member Emeritus.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. 2016 SCA Board

i. Volunteers for 2016 Board Nominating Committee

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that in order to be a member on the Board Nominating Committee, one must not be seeking an officer position. The Board Nominating Committee consists of one member from each regional caucus, and the Immediate Past President must serve. Dennis Higgins volunteered to fill the South caucus member.

c. United Way Funding for Seniors

Dawson reported that the United Way has a new strategic plan that defunds services for seniors due to the funding shifts. David Baker expressed concern that the meal services for seniors is losing its funding, and therefore also losing an important social interaction for seniors. Dawson noted that there is a list of effected cities. Nancy Backus requested Dawson to circulate the list. Chris Eggen stated that senior services has not provided any information on the services that are proposed to be cut. Baker commented that 1.8M of funding is being shifted away from senior services.

- d. Suburbanization of Poverty in King County
Jim Haggerton reported that he convened a group of small South King County cities to participate in a focus group. Haggerton also reported that another group met to discuss safety issues in Tukwila. Nancy Backus attended the focus group and after hearing similar issues across multiple cities, a regional solution is needed. Dawson offered to help with the task force.
- e. Update on Public Sector Economic Development Summit
Dawson reported that she has been working with King County and Seattle. Elected officials as well as city staff are invited to attend the Public Sector Economic Development Summit on Friday, December 11 for an all-day event.
- f. Preview of Chamber Regional Leadership Conference
Dawson reported that the conference was very good and provided networking opportunities as well as another forum to discuss regional issues.
- g. Bridges and Roads Task Force
Bob Harrison reported that the draft minutes provide a good review of the work of the Bridges and Roads Task Force, with one of the largest issues being the revenue stream. Bernie Talmas stressed the importance that issues surrounding this task force be kept on the radar. President Larson stated that there is a Growth Management Act mechanism in the language. Nancy Backus reported that she understands cities will have to pay for repairs themselves. Dawson stated that the county has three priorities: increase property tax; funding for rural roads; and funding for public health.
- h. ST3
Dawson reported that SCA has received a number of requests for high level guiding principles, including park and rides. This issue is expected to be vetted through PIC.
- i. Update on Board Retreat Items
Dawson asked for members to provide her with any updates.

14. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Networking Dinner – October 28, 2015 – 5:30 PM – Renton Pavilion Event Center
- b. Public Issues Committee – November 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM – Renton City Hall
- c. SCA Board Meeting – November 18, 2015 – 10:00 AM – Kirkland
- d. SCA Annual Meeting & Networking Dinner – December 2, 2015 – 5:30 PM – Renton Pavilion Event Center
- e. Public Issues Committee – December 9, 2015 – 7:00 PM – Renton City Hall
- f. Public Sector Economic Development Summit – December 11, 2015 – Microsoft Campus
- g. SCA Board Meeting – December 16, 2015 – 10:00 AM – Issaquah
- h. South & South Valley Caucus Meeting – December 16, 2015 – 6:30 PM – Auburn
- i. North & Snoqualmie Valley Caucus Meeting – December 17, 2015 – 6:30 PM – Redmond

15. For the good of the order

Dave Hill inquired about membership on AWC Board. Nancy Backus responded that Kent Mayor Suzette Cooke served on the AWC Board.

Bernie Talmas commented that the Advanced Transportation Technologies Conference was well received.

16. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.