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SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

July 15, 2015 10:00 AM

Lake Wilderness Lodge, Rainier Room
22500 SE 248th Street
Maple Valley, WA 98038

1. Call to Order

Matt Larson, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

Members present: Bill Allison, Nancy Backus, David Baker, Don Gerend, Jim Haggerton, Dennis Higgins, Dave Hill, Matt Larson, John Marchione, Bernie Talmas, Amy Walen

Members Absent: Chris Eggen, Bob Harrison

Staff Present: Deanna Dawson, Kristy Cole

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

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

4. President's Report

President Larson reported that the SCA leadership met with King County Executive Constantine on June 30, 2015 and the meeting topics will be covered in other areas of this meeting's agenda.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that the legislature passed a transportation package. She reported that the July 1, 2015 SCA Networking Dinner featuring a panel of regional legislators was well attended and included 11 legislators. President Larson thanked David Baker for his moderation of the panel and staff for a great event. Dawson reported that positive feedback has been received on the collective efforts of SCA regarding the statewide transportation package.

Dawson reported that the Seattle Chamber is compiling a video to thank the legislators for passing the transportation package and has asked SCA members to submit videos of gratitude to be included into the final product. Dawson reminded members that the Seattle Chamber has extended an invitation to the SCA membership to attend the In-State Study Mission to eastern Washington in August and its leadership conference in October.

Dawson gave an update on the ongoing work regarding the public sector development summit. Dawson also reported on the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Economic Development District Board (EDDB) and the vacancy for vice chair. The Board had a discussion, and agreed that they would be supportive of either SCA candidate for the position.

Dawson reported that SCA will have a breakfast event featuring Senator Patty Murray on August 10, 2015.

She next reported on the Best Starts for Kids levy that will also be discussed later in the agenda. Dawson noted that there may be amendments proposed at the next King County Council meeting.

6. Committee to End Homelessness Appointments

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported on the Committee to End Homelessness Coordinating Board appointments.

Bill Allison moved, seconded by Don Gerend, to appoint Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, and Councilmember Doreen Marchione, Kirkland, as members to the Committee to End Homelessness Coordinating Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. CEH Funder Alignment Committee (Staff Committee)

Deanna Dawson, Executive Director, reported on the Committee to End Homelessness (CEH) Funder Alignment Committee, where SCA was given authority to appoint three members to the committee. Members discussed the importance of having different cities appointed to this committee and the coordinating board.

Bernie Talmas moved, seconded by Matt Larson, to appoint Rob Beem, Shoreline Community Services Manager, Karen Bergsvik, Renton Human Services Manager, and Brooke Buckingham, Redmond Human Services Senior Planner, as members to the Committee to End Homelessness (CEH) Funder Alignment Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dawson announced that there will be a pre-PIC workshop focused on cities sharing best practices and challenges surrounding homelessness.

8. King Conservation District Initiative Review Team Appointments

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported on the King Conservation District (KCD) Initiative Review Team appointments.

Bernie Talmas moved, seconded by Bill Allison, to appoint Black Diamond Councilmember Erika Morgan, Lake Forest Park Mayor Mary Jane Goss, and Snoqualmie Community Development Director Mark Hofman, as members to the Urban Shorelines and Riparian Habitat review team; and the appointment of Medina Mayor Patrick Boyd, Tukwila staff member Carol Lumb, and Beaux Arts Village Councilmember Cynthia Hudson, as members to the Urban Forestry review team; and the appointment of Burien Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta, Issaquah Council President Paul Winterstein, and Auburn Councilmember Bill Pelozza, as members to the Regional Food Grants review team.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. PIC Chair's Report

Bernie Talmas, Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair, reported on the July 8, 2015 meeting of the PIC. Chair Talmas reported that the PIC has unanimously recommended the Best Starts for Kids levy. Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that there are discussions at the County Council for proposed amendments. While the amendments were not yet provided in written form, the concepts were highlighted and discussed. Members also discussed the importance of SCA participation in governance and implementation of this levy, as well as the idea that funds should benefit where the needs are greatest regardless of geography.

Bernie Talmas, moved, seconded by Amy Walen, to adopt the following policy position:

In order to support the healthy development of children and youth, families and communities across King County, the Sound Cities Association (SCA) urges the King County Council to place the Best Starts for Kids levy on the November 2015 ballot for consideration by the voters.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dawson asked if members were interested in a letter being sent to the King County Council regarding this position. Members agreed to have a letter sent providing the adopted policy position and interest in funds benefiting the needs. President Larson reported that in his visits with each of the SCA member cities, he has observed inequities across the county some of which are increasing and regionally detrimental. Nancy Backus added that the whole county will suffer if a solution is not agreed on. The Board agreed that the letter should stress that funds should go where they are most needed.

Chair Talmas continued with his report by stating that the PIC discussed the Solid Waste Division's efforts around a 70% recycling goal. Members had a variety of opinions on what options would work best in their communities. They agreed that no mandates should be placed on cities, and that a one size fits all solution was not tenable. Members supported working together on education efforts.

Chair Talmas also reported that at the last Regional Policy Committee (RPC) meeting, there was a presentation from the King County Auditor's office regarding Public Service Answering Points (PSAP) and oversight of the E911 office, including a report from the Auditor.

The Board members agreed that the August PIC and Board meetings should be cancelled. Since the August Board meeting was scheduled to take place in Woodinville, an alternate date and time for a city tour will be arranged.

10. Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County (EDC) Report

Nancy Backus, Treasurer of the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County (EDC), reported on the July 9, 2015 meeting. She noted that Joe McWilliams had left the Port of Seattle, creating a vacancy on the Executive Board. Marlina Sessions of the WDC may be joining the Board. The Executive Board discussed concerns over funding for ADOs in Washington, and new metrics set by the state. Backus noted that the public sector to date accounted for 57% of funding for the year to the EDC. The goal is to have the organization funded more by the private sector, at a rate of at least 60%.

11. City Manager's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, gave a report on the July 1, 2015 City Managers and Administrators meeting, where the group was supportive of SCA's action on the Committee to End Homelessness strategic plan. There was also discussion on how city staff and elected officials can work together to get issues on council meeting agendas in order for councils have enough time to discuss issues that will be on PIC agendas. Dawson noted that SCA staff will be working on a workshop to help PIC members be effective in their roles, and the managers group was supportive of this.

12. Service Guidelines Task Force Update

President Larson reported that while the Service Guidelines Task Force has not met since the last SCA Board meeting, the concerns of SCA members are being listened to and taken into consideration and shifting data results. President Larson asked other task force members to add additional comments. John Marchione reported that Metro is now separating express service from all day service, promoting the idea of mobility, length of time to access different points within the service area, and does the service reach the right destinations. He noted a continuing concern about the eastside subsidizing the system/Seattle. Nancy Backus noted that it is encouraging that concerns are being evaluated. Deanna Dawson stated that members continue to stress the importance of a regional system, especially since Seattle passed its own initiative to increase transit service.

13. Discussion Items

a. 2015 Legislative Session

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, gave an update on the legislative session and items on which SCA had taken a position including transportation, affordable housing. Talmas and Larson noted that SCA was very successful in helping to promote items identified by the Board at the retreat, including working on increasing bipartisanship.

b. Continued discussion on bylaws and board policies

Dawson noted that this topic will continue to the next meeting.

c. **2016 SCA dues**

Dawson noted that staff is working on drafting the 2016 budget, which will be discussed by the Finance Committee and brought to a future Board meeting. The Board discussed ways to keep up with increasing costs for insurance and other staff costs. Members agreed that having a small annual increase in dues was preferable to periodic large increases. Mayor Walen noted a structural challenge of keeping up with costs. Mayor Backus, Mayor Walen, and Councilmember Higgins suggested looking at the current cap on dues for large cities. The Finance Committee will review and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

d. **Hyde Shuttle Funding**

Dawson gave an update on funding for the Hyde Shuttle.

e. **Update on Board Retreat Items**

Dawson reminded members to provide their responses to help identify board member relationships.

14. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Networking Breakfast – August 10, 2015 – Renton Pavilion Event Center
- b. Public Issues Committee – August 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM – Renton City Hall – CANCELLED
- c. SCA Board Meeting – August 19, 2015 – 10:00 AM – Woodinville – CANCELLED

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.