

SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

April 16, 2014 10:00 AM
Renton City Hall, Conferencing Center
1055 S. Grady Way, Renton 98057

1. Call to Order

John Marchione, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members present: Bill Allison, David Baker, Chris Eggen, Don Gerend, Jim Haggerton, Dennis Higgins, Dave Hill, Matt Larson, Denis Law, John Marchione, Derek Matheson, Bernie Talmas

Members absent: Nancy Backus

Staff present: Deanna Dawson, Kristy Burwell

2. Public Comment

President Marchione asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Based on the recent Oso landslide, Jim Haggerton suggested SCA invite individuals involved with that effort to provide a presentation regarding natural disasters and responsive actions from onsite rescuers to emergency radio coordination.

3. Consent Agenda

Dave Hill moved, seconded by David Baker, to approve the Consent Agenda. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. President's Report

President Marchione reported on the solid waste transfer station siting and the need for SCA member to be unified.

It was noted that at the April 9, 2014 meeting of the Regional Policy Committee (RPC), the SCA Caucus to the RPC stated that it would send some questions to both the Solid Waste Division and the King County Auditor's Office since there wasn't adequate time for all questions to be addressed during the RPC meeting. Members expressed some concerns that some of the issues raised in that letter crossed the line between simply requesting information to expressing policy positions, and cautioned that care should be taken in the future to ensure that if policy positions were expressed on behalf of SCA, they go through the established process. Bernie Talmas also expressed concerns about the role of outside staff in caucus meetings, and suggested that the Board should have further discussions about this. He was concerned that the RPC caucus meeting, and the letter sent

on behalf of the RPC caucus, were overly dominated by city staff members rather than elected officials.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that she has been involved in the process to find a replacement for the executive director at the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County (EDC) and is a member of the interview panel.

ED Dawson reported on work of the King Conservation District Advisory Committee. This will be included on the May 14, 2014 PIC agenda or feedback and discussion, with the first vote in June and a potential final vote in July. Also on the May agenda will be a possible position on greenhouse gas emissions, oil train safety, and an appointment to the Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI) Regional Task Force.

ED Dawson next reported that SCA is continuing to work on the issue of transparency at King County Metro to address the concerns that members have voiced. A subcommittee of the SCA caucus to the Regional Transit Committee will continue to work to obtain information.

ED Dawson asked if Board members were aware of a proposed rate increase at the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. This item was brought to SCA's attention by Derek Matheson, and the letter addressed to Covington was passed around. Members expressed strong concerns about the proposed increase. Denis Law moved, seconded by Bernie Talmas, to send letter to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency stating the concerns of increasing the per capita rate by such a large margin, and request additional time for cities to review and provide feedback, and to bring this to the PIC for possible emergency action at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ED Dawson gave an update on the Health and Human Services Transformation Plan.

ED Dawson reported that she is continuing the efforts to obtain the Governor as a keynote speaker at an upcoming SCA networking dinner.

ED Dawson encouraged members to reach out to Snohomish County and the mayors of Arlington and Darrington and provide support in result of the Oso slide.

6. Personnel Policies

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, presented amendments to the SCA Personnel Policies.

Denis Law moved, seconded by Dave Hill, to approve the amended personal policies. Law commented that the recommendations were well done. There were no further comments or discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PIC Chair's Report

Bernie Talmas, PIC Chair, reported that since the April 9, 2014 PIC meeting was cancelled, there is no report.

8. Events Committee Report

David Baker, Events Committee Chair, reported that at the April 4, 2014 meeting, Jeff Wagner, Covington Mayor Pro Tem and Municipal Relationship Manager for Republic Services, was elected Vice Chair of the SCA Events Committee. The committee highlighted potential speakers to include: Governor Jay Inslee, Senator Patty Murray, and Brad Smith, Microsoft. Chair Baker stated that the committee discussed a possible October event where the King County delegation would be invited to hear the concerns of SCA members and there would be no campaign or political efforts allowed. The committee sought further feedback from the Board of Directors on this possible event.

Chair Baker also reported that the committee discussed the Annual Meeting and Networking Dinner scheduled for December 3, 2014. He sought feedback on whether the event should have a speaker, or have entertainment.

Next, Chair Baker reported that the rates at the TPC Snoqualmie Golf Club have increased significantly and the committee will continue to discuss this venue option. President Marchione suggested an alternate venue, Redmond Marriot, and will submit a proposal.

Chair Baker reported that the committee discussed possible pre-PIC workshop topics. They agreed with having a presentation on "Let's Move" in June. For future months, they suggested: Training to comply with the new OPMA training requirements; How the Affordable Care Act will impact cities; The role of the legislative and executive branches and staff within cities; Priority based budgeting; The McCleary decision; How to handle divisive and emotional issues that may come before councils. They also discussed whether there should be a presentation on the minimum wage issue and if so, how to handle. They agreed that the Board should discuss whether and how to handle this controversial and potentially divisive issue. Board members discussed, and agreed that this was not a topic that should be scheduled at this time.

Last, Chair Baker reported that the King Conservation District (KCD) has proposed hosting a joint event this summer with SCA that would consist of a farm tour followed by dinner at the farm.

9. City Manager's Report

Derek Matheson reported that the City Managers and Administrators met on April 2, 2014. Meeting topics included a legislative session debrief from AWC, a presentation by the City of Kirkland on its public records policy and request portal, and discussion on the 2015 International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Conference which will be located in Seattle. In addition to the funds needed, Matheson encouraged city staff, such as city managers/administrators, communications and economic development personnel, to participate as needed in the conference.

Matheson announced that the cities of Covington, Maple Valley, and Black Diamond will be holding the 2nd Annual Tri-City Council Meeting, which will include an SCA update.

Matheson concurred with President Marchione's earlier comments regarding the need for cities to be unified on solid waste issues.

10. For the good of the order

Deanna Dawson reported that SCA received a letter from King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski regarding the need to collaborate support for immigrant and refugee communities. ED Dawson passed around a copy of the letter.

Chris Eggen reminded members that there is still an issue with public utilities district assumption by cities.

Matt Larson announced that if there are other cities that would like to pool resources to voice concerns regarding tribal tax legislation.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.