

SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

August 21, 2013 10:00 AM
Renton City Hall
1055 South Grady Way, Renton 98057

1. Call to Order

Denis Law, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Members present: Dini Duclos, Chris Eggen, Don Gerend, Mia Gregerson, Matt Larson, Pete Lewis, John Marchione

Members absent: David Baker, Ken Hearing, Dave Hill, David Johnston, Jamie Perry

Staff present: Deanna Dawson, Kristy Burwell

2. Public Comment

President Law asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, President Law closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

Chris Eggen moved, seconded by Don Gerend, to approve the Consent Agenda. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. President's Report

President Law did not give a report.

5. Executive Director's Report

ED Dawson first reported that King County has asked if SCA would like to have a representative serve on the upcoming committee to look at Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). The representative would be from a member city that does not already have a possible seat. That is, a city that has either its own PSAP, or a direct relationship with a PSAP. There are 12 cities that meet this definition – they are cities that do not have their own fire department, for example. Members agreed that it would be valuable in having a representative at the table to fill this role and asked ED Dawson to send out a call for nominations.

ED Dawson reported that the Women's Leadership planning group had raised the issue of whether SCA also may wish to have diversity be additional criteria for committee appointment. ED Dawson noted that the current Nominating Committee has often considered whether an applicant would bring balance and diversity to a committee when making decisions. Members supported language similar to SCA values diversity and inclusion, becoming informed and actively involved, and it may be beneficial that SCA appointments be reflective of these along with the current criteria. ED

Dawson was asked to look at other organizations policies such as NLC and report back to the Board members. Board members asked that ED Dawson bring back language for a potential policy amendment to the next Board meeting. Board members also asked staff to update the Board Policies to update the name of the organization throughout the policies.

ED Dawson reported that it has been challenging for the SCA Membership Committee to meet. Individually, members are working on recruiting sponsors and eligible cities: Bellevue, Medina, and Yarrow Point.

ED Dawson reported that the SCA Leadership continues to meet with King County Executive Dow Constantine on issues affecting King County cities and residents. As an example, there was discussion on issues relating to school siting.

ED Dawson reported that she has been asked multiple times if SCA has a legislative agenda. Members discussed that SCA shouldn't duplicate efforts of AWC. Members agreed that continuing current process of vetting items through the PIC before discussion and possible policy adoption at the Board level.

ED Dawson reported that there is some cautious optimism that there may be a possible third special session of the legislature called to address transportation funding. SCA is making connections with neighboring counties to identify common concerns.

ED Dawson reported that SCA Leadership met with Port Commissioners Stephanie Bowman and John Alboro on ways that the Port and cities can work together and the importance of freight mobility. President Law added that the Port of Seattle is interested in reaching out to the region.

ED Dawson gave an update on the public records request. SCA has not received any correspondence from Mr. West and therefore it has considered the request abandoned.

ED Dawson reported that there will be budget amendments brought to the Board in upcoming meetings.

ED Dawson gave an update on the position of Executive Director at PSRC. ED Dawson is one of five finalists for the position. The Executive Committee of PSRC will be making a decision on hiring in late September of 2013. The SCA Board will be kept informed about the process, and any decisions.

6. City Manager's Report

ED Dawson reported that the City Managers/Administrators group did not meet in August. She continued that David Johnston is doing well and has returned to work.

7. Finance Committee Report

Don Gerend, Treasurer, reported that the SCA Finance Committee met August 21, 2013 prior to the SCA Board of Directors meeting. Since there is no written policy that the annual Form 990 Tax Return is reviewed before it's filled. The Finance Committee presented a recommendation for amendment to Board Policy 204.

Matt Larson moved, seconded by Don Gerend, to amend SCA Board Policy 204 to, "SCA shall file its Form 990 tax report with the IRS under its 501 (c)(4) designation. The Form 990 shall be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and Board prior to filing."

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Gerend reported that the AWC Employee Benefit Trust has voted to move to a self-insurance model and asked ED Dawson to provide more detail. ED Dawson reported that since AWC recently voted to move to a self-insured method of health insurance, SCA will not be able to continue through AWC Employees Benefit Trust for health insurance after 2013. AWC has hired consultants that are exploring an option for MSRC and SCA to be considered as a joint pool for medical insurance. ED Dawson is working with AWC staff, which has been very helpful. The consultants will provide AWC staff with their report by October 15, 2013 and the AWC Board will discuss the issue further at its November 1, 2013 meeting. ED Dawson asked members to share data that will aid SCA in gathering the alternative options. ED Dawson explained that SCA staff is exploring options, such as the Health Exchange. The 2014 Budget will include a line item but SCA may not have solidified the insurance plan. More information will be forthcoming. Mia Gregerson suggested that staff consider benefits through www.lifewisewa.com.

8. Public Issues Committee (PIC) Report

Mia Gregerson, PIC Chair, reported that at the August 14, 2013 PIC meeting, members engaged in a discussion and approved to recommend a potential policy position regarding the proposed King County Water Quality Assessment and Monitoring Study. This recommendation includes a bullet that was suggested by the City of Kirkland for the PIC to consider.

Mia Gregerson moved, seconded by Chris Eggen, to adopt the following public policy position as recommended by the PIC:

SCA generally supports the current scope of work for the proposed Water Quality Assessment and Monitoring Study, but has concerns about the wide range of estimated costs for each element and the high ends of the estimated cost ranges. SCA supports approval of the Water Quality Assessment and Monitoring Study scope of work with the following caveats:

- *The primary focus of the scope of work shall be to address items required as part of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) program review, plan update, and program implementation;*
- *Discretionary items including: the "Synthesis Report" (Element 3) and "Scientific and Technical Review Team" (Element 4) should be included in the scope of work if the anticipated outcomes will produce long term cost savings for King County ratepayers;*
- *The need for an Executive Advisory Panel (as set forth in Element 5) has not been clearly established. Until and unless the need for a Panel is clearly demonstrated to RWQC and the County Council, the up to \$450,000 budgeted for this line item should not be expended;*
- *SCA requests that the Wastewater Treatment Division provide an annual report to the RWQC, which shall include detail regarding the costs expended and benefits received as a result of the expenditures.*

- *SCA supports the addition of a cost benefit analysis as a separate study to provide data and evaluation of the best investments of \$1 billion to achieve acceptable water quality standards by 2030.*

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

ED Dawson asked the Board if it would like to send a letter signed by President Law regarding this policy position, to which members agreed.

Chair Gregerson reported that a letter sent by the King Conservation District is included in the August 14, 2013 PIC Minutes.

9. For the good of the order

Don Gerend shared that he is running for the 41st District House of Representatives seat, recently vacated by Marcie Maxwell.

Pete Lewis announced that the City of Auburn is working on opening a regional underground firing range where cities can become a partner. More information is forthcoming.

Mia Gregerson shared that cities are experiencing abuse regarding the Public Records Act as it relates to real estate transactions. ED Dawson added that many cities have been overburdened collecting data for for-profit firms on the east coast.

Mia Gregerson suggested that it would be helpful if a definition was identified for what is considered abusive and harassing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.