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SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

February 20, 2013 10:00 AM
Renton City Hall
1055 South Grady Way, Renton 98057

1. Denis Law, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
Members present: Dini Duclos, Chris Eggen, Don Gerend, Mia Gregerson, Ken Hearing, Dave Hill, Pete Lewis, John Marchione, Jamie Perry, Bob Sternoff
Members absent: David Johnston, Matt Larson
Staff present: Deanna Dawson, Kristy Burwell
Guests present: Bernie Talmas, Mayor of Woodinville

2. Don Gerend moved, seconded by Dini Duclos, to remove the January 31, 2013 Cash Report from the Consent Agenda and refer it to the SCA Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mia Gregerson moved, seconded by Chris Eggen, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. President Law opened up discussion to the members for his President's Report. Dave Hill reported that there is a toxic spill underground where about 160 residences are located. The toxins have entered into the surface water and Boeing is testing the air quality in the affected houses. Contamination started in the 1980s but was not discovered until 2002. When the toxic spill was discovered, it was presumed that the area was limited to Boeing property. Pete Lewis added that it is a degreaser type chemical that has affected both the surface water and the aquifer.
4. Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported that the new SCA website has been launched and there has been good feedback and compliments. SCA has also had good media exposure on the SCA Board members as well as issues with which SCA has been involved. SCA has also created a Twitter account and had 50 followers in one day. SCA's FaceBook account is growing in usage and has received 146 likes.

ED Dawson reported she and Dave Namura, Manager of Local Government & Public Policy for Puget Sound Energy, had a good discussion on how collaboration between SCA & PSE can be beneficial to both parties. PSE has agreed to become a Partner of SCA and interested in other ways to work with SCA in the future through different SCA events.

ED Dawson has been invited to represent cities as a member on the Health & Human Services panel. The panel will be looking at how the King County Council and the King County Executive are handling the health and human services needs in King County as well as what cities are doing to

provide services to their citizens. The panel will also look at the funding structure of health and human services. Dini Duclos, Ken Hearing, and Pete Lewis are concerned that the cities are not provided enough funding to provide the services. The cities are providing services that the State of Washington used to provide without and increase in funding.

ED Dawson reported on a recent meeting with Jeff Marcel, CEO of Economic Development District of Seattle and King County (EDC), formerly enterpriseSeattle. EDC is interested in exploring a reciprocal Regional Associate Membership with SCA. ED Dawson has been asked to join the EDC Board.

ED Dawson announced that Foster Pepper, PLLC, is a new SCA Regional Associate Member.

5. The SCA Board of Directors excused Kristy Burwell, SCA Staff, and guest Bernie Talmas, and entered into Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. The Board meeting was resumed at 10:44 a.m. There was no action taken.
6. ED Dawson passed out the results of the SCA Board of Directors Retreat on the items that the board would like to work on in 2013. This document includes the priorities and members for each Board Committee: SCA Communications Committee, SCA Finance Committee, and SCA Membership Committee. If a member desires to be on a different committee than suggested, contact Deanna. SCA staff will follow up on the technology aspects of the Board's priorities for 2013. ED Dawson gave a presentation at a college class in Olympia. Many of the students were energized by ED Dawson's presentation and are interested in possible internship opportunities at SCA. Regarding membership retention, through the efforts of ED Dawson and Pete Lewis, the City of Milton will continue to be a member of SCA!
7. ED Dawson reported that there were some unexpended, budgeted items on the website, office remodel, etc. from 2012 that should be rolled forward into the 2013 budget. ED Dawson stated that there may be additional budget items to be discussed based on the priority set at the 2013 Board Retreat to upgrade technology. There is also a need to replace the SCA copier.

Chris Eggen moved, seconded by Jamie Perry, to roll forward the unexpended, budgeted items from 2012 into the 2013 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Mia Gregerson moved, seconded by Pete Lewis, to approve the PIC recommendations:
 - a. SCA is committed to open and transparent government and to upholding the intent of the Public Records Act. SCA supports the legislative efforts of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and others to help relieve the onerous cost burdens associated with Public Records Requests that are harassing, frivolous, or overly burdensome.
 - b. SCA supports the formation of a stakeholder group by the Washington State Legislature, as the means to reach consensus on bill language regarding watershed investment authorities, to be introduced in the 2014 legislative session.

The motion passed unanimously.

As a follow up on a discussion at the 2013 Board Retreat, ED Dawson will work with President Law to send letters of support to the Legislature and SCA members.

Bob Sternoff moved, seconded by Pete Lewis, to recommend that Deputy Mayor Victoria Jonas, Maple Valley, and Councilmember Susan Honda, Federal Way, be appointed to the vacant alternate positions on the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

9. ED Dawson reported that there is a vacant seat on the King County Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Advisory Committee due to the recent resignation of Tukwila City Administrator David Cline.

Pete Lewis moved, seconded by Bob Sternoff, to appoint Julie Underwood, Shoreline City Manager, to the King County Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

10. ED Dawson reported that there is a candidate for the SCA Board of Directors to consider recognizing.

Bob Sternoff moved, seconded by Mia Gregerson, to recognize Linda Kochmar as a Member Emeritus. The motion passed unanimously.

Don Gerend suggested that a list of all SCA Member Emeritus be posted on the SCA website.

11. For the good of the order

ED Dawson stated that there may be a new feature to the SCA website, "Ask _____". This idea came up in a conversation with Dave Namura, PSE. On the PSE website there is an Ask Andy Wappler section and it has proven to be a good feature.

John Marchione inquired to make sure that the King County Parks Levy is on the agenda for the PIC. ED Dawson commented that it will most likely be a topic of a near future pre-PIC workshop. Denis Law shared concerns about the amount of funding that the cities would receive and the fact that Woodland Park Zoo, a private entity, receives 20% of the funding. Bob Sternoff commented that this is a good example on how SCA can be proactive instead of reactive. ED Dawson stated that staff is working on obtaining information to bring forward to the PIC.

ED Dawson mentioned that there is a bill that would undo all of the work of the School Siting Task Force. The Board gave direction for a letter to be sent with regards to the work of the School Siting Task Force. Bob Sternoff added that the Countywide Planning Policies have been approved.

Dave Hill commented on the recent solid waste issue and would like SCA to look at potential issues with the Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan on which SCA may want to take a position. ED Dawson asked for direction if a public policy position should be brought before the PIC in March. Chris Eggen added that he, as the Chair of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC), is planning to bring forward amendments to the comprehensive plan. Eggen would like to hear the concerns of the cities and the message would be stronger if it came from SCA than from individual cities. Pete Lewis agreed that the PIC needs to discuss any concerns further.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.