

SCA Board of Directors Minutes

March 18, 2015 10:00 AM
City of Kent, ShoWare
625 W James St, Kent, WA 98032

1. Call to Order

Matt Larson, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Members present: Bill Allison, Nancy Backus, David Baker, Chris Eggen, Don Gerend, Jim Haggerton, Bob Harrison, Dennis Higgins, Dave Hill, Bernie Talmas, Amy Walen

Members absent: John Marchione

Staff present: Deanna Dawson

2. Public Comment

There is no public comment.

3. Consent Agenda

David Baker moved, seconded by Bill Allison, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4. President's Report

Matt Larson provided the President's Report.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson provided the Executive President's Report.

Dawson gave the Board an update on SCA's new policy analyst, Elliot "Ellie" Wilson-Jones. Ellie is currently employed by the Council of State Governments Justice Center. Her other experience includes working for the City of Seattle as a legislative assistant, and a legislative session aide. She holds an undergraduate and law degree from the University of Washington. Her other professional experience includes working for several years as a local government reporter.

Mayor Baker, SCA's representative to the AAA, and Mayor Larson, on behalf of the SCA Board, sent a request to mayors to sign onto a letter asking for support for an increase in funding for case management for low income seniors and disabled adults. That letter is a handout, and the Board was also provided a handout on the number of individuals in each of their cities receiving care through the program.

The County Council has voted to put the public safety radio levy on the April ballot. See handout.

There are vacancies on EMAC and PSRC Transit Access Working Group. The call for nominations went out today.

SCA will have a pre-PIC workshop on the "Best Starts for Kids" levy in April. Dawson asked if any members of the Board could attend the Youth Action Plan Task Force meeting on Friday.

SCA has been asked to participate in a Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) and King County Reentry Task Force. The focus of the Task Force and Workgroup is shifting from planning to effectively implementing the grant-funded demonstration project. The intent is establishing a client-centered, team-based reentry approach to pilot that will expand access to reentry resources and will build stronger relationships with community providers to extend service networks. Dana Ralph from Kent is participating, SCA will monitor and staff as needed.

Dawson communicated to the Board a request from Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson regarding a Resource Fair being sponsored by the King County Housing Authority, and a request that SCA help to get mayors to sign on in support of the event. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.

Dawson reported on SCA economic development activities. SCA is working on co-sponsoring an economic development summit, bringing together public sector partners on economic development. The tentative date would be May 12, 2015. The Board of the EDC was elected earlier this month. SCA has a number of city representatives on the Board, as well as Dawson representing SCA as an organization. Mayor Backus of Auburn was elected to the Executive Board, and was elected Treasurer of the EDC. The Board congratulated Backus. Dawson reminded members about the April 1 networking dinner with Maud Daudon from the Chamber, and inquired as to whether other members would like to join the intercity mission to Chicago.

Dawson gave an update on the upcoming SCA audit. She also noted that SCA would be looking at having the audit firm do SCA's taxes to increase accountability. SCA is also working with audit firm on ways for the organization to go "paperless." The Board agreed that in an effort to go paperless, they would dispense with the Board sign in sheet, and instead simply note who is present in the minutes.

Dawson gave an update on meetings held since the last Board meeting including: Puget Sound Energy, Foster Pepper, North End Mayors and Valley Mayors, City Managers, PSRC, Seattle Councilmember Sally Clark. She gave an update on the SCA caucus chair training.

6. **Bank Accounts**

Deanna Dawson explained for the Board the rationale for closing the Umpqua Main Street Money Market account, given that Sterling and Umpqua had merged. Don Gerend moved, seconded by David Baker, to close the Umpqua Main Street Money Market account, open a Harborstone Credit Union business money market and business savings accounts, with authorized signers as dictated by SCA Board Policy 202, and approve banking resolution for Harborstone Credit Union. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PIC Chair's Report**

Bernie Talmas provided the PIC Chair's Report. See minutes from the PIC meeting.

Talmas moved, seconded by Amy Walen, to direct staff to draft on behalf of the Board a request that the Committee to End Homelessness (CEH) adopt a new timeline for adoption of the strategic plan. The current iteration of the draft plan is lacking detail on costs, the sources of funding, and who will be the lead partner responsible for implementation of various strategies. The feedback received from cities to date suggests a need for a robust process involving cities and other partners in order to develop the detail currently lacking in the plan, as well as the need for an implementation strategy. This process will take more time than that currently scheduled by the CEH prior to adoption of the plan. Cities also need an opportunity to fully review and provide meaningful feedback on the revised draft strategies as they are developed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the CEH plan. Mayor Jim Haggerton noted that there was also a plan to end veterans' homelessness by 2015. The current plan needs to be better coordinated with those efforts.

The Board discussed the report on the Solid Waste Transfer Station Plan, the upcoming Comprehensive Plan, and the "road to 70%" recycling task force. The Board discussed attempting to get all cities to come together around best practices to increase recycling.

8. **City Manager's Report**

Bob Harrison provided the City Manager's Report. At the last meeting of the group, there was a report on "high performance organizations." There was also an update on the ICMA conference set to be held in Seattle in September.

9. **Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County Report**

Nancy Backus provided the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County Report. Mayor Jim Haggerton brought to the Board's attention a bill that would prevent cities from using eminent domain to support economic development. Staff agreed to track the bill.

10. **National League of Cities (NLC) Update**

Don Gerend provided the National League of Cities (NLC) Update.

11. **Discussion Items**

a. The Board briefly discussed items as a follow up from the 2015 Board Retreat Items. The Board agreed with the direction of the documents sent by staff on mapping board relationships. Dawson noted that a priority item was meeting with Seattle, and that those meetings are being scheduled. Another priority was human services, and ensuring that SCA was involved on initiatives on this topic. The Board reviewed current initiatives, including the Committee to End Homelessness Draft Strategic Plan Update, Communities of Opportunity, Youth Action Plan, Best Starts for Kids, and Area Agency on Aging.

b. The Board discussed SCA's current policy on committee term limits. Dawson brought to the Board's attention that SCA's caucus chair on a PSRC committee was potentially in line to become a future chair of the committee, but could possibly reach her term limit prior to this happening. This is an issue that would arise at PSRC, where chairs of committees rotate between

the 4 counties. The Board had a discussion about whether to try and work around the policy in a specific instance, or whether to amend the policy. There are pros and cons of the policy- while it may lead to a loss of institutional knowledge on committees, it also allows for participation from more members. The Board decided to look at whether an amendment could be drafted that would allow for the Board to deviate from the term limit policy in narrow situations, wherein SCA would have a leadership role regionally. This item will come back at a later date for additional discussion and potential action.

c. The Board discussed the current legislative session. They noted that the flood control district levy bill had been resolved in a way that was consistent with the position adopted by SCA. The Board discussed the transportation package.

d. The Board discussed the upcoming PSERN levy.

e. The Board discussed the Service Guidelines Task Force. The first meeting was mostly an introduction to the process.

f. The Board discussed the Transportation Futures Task Force. Members were disappointed that no SCA cities were on the Task Force. SCA staff will attend the meetings.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.