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SCA Board of Directors Minutes

April 19, 2017 10:00 AM

Renton City Hall, Conferencing Center
1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057

1. Call to order

David Baker, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Members Present: David Baker, Nancy Backus, Jim Ferrell, Leanne Guier, Will Ibershof, Hank Margeson, Tola Marts, Dana Ralph, Catherine Stanford, Debbie Tarry, Amy Walen

Members Absent: Denis Law, Jeff Wagner

SCA Staff Present: Deanna Dawson, Kristy Cole

2. Public Comment

President Baker asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

3. Consent Agenda

Jim Ferrell moved, seconded by Nancy Backus, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4. President's Report

President David Baker reported on the March 29 SCA Networking Dinner with Attorney General Bob Ferguson as well as the March 31 immigration and refugee event. He provided Board members with handouts from the latter event ([Attachment A](#)). He gave an update on the recent meeting with Governor Inslee. He reported on testimony he had provided to the legislature on SCA legislative priorities. Members discussed the best way to communicate city priorities to legislators. President encouraged members to attend the Seattle Chamber's Intercity Study Mission to San Francisco ([Attachment B](#)).

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson reported that Kristy Cole, Administrative Services Manager, is leaving SCA in May for a new professional opportunity. Members recognized Cole for her outstanding contributions to SCA, and expressed their appreciation for her work. Dawson noted that SCA will be looking to fill the position. The job posting can be found [here](#).

Dawson provided an update on potential county wide levies including: Arts and Culture levy; Veteran's and Human Services levy; and, Affordable Housing and Homelessness levy. Members discussed concerns with the various levies, and voter fatigue, particularly given the impact of the recent ST3 measure. They noted that cities also have upcoming levies, and were concerned about County levies making those levies more challenging to pass. Other potential regional funding needs were also discussed including regional transportation initiative and land conservation initiative, and the County parks levy renewal. Dawson reported that King County Councilmember Balducci will be hosting an Eastside Transportation Forum on May 5. Dawson reported that the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has proposed a rate increase and impacts on cities. She provided an update on cities that she and President Baker have visited since the last Board meeting. Dawson reported that SCA staff continues to work on the IT upgrade; more information will be provided at the next Board meeting.

6. Nominating Committee Report

Leanne Guier, PIC Nominating Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on April 18 to recommend appointments to the SCA Board for the open seats on King Conservation District (KCD) Advisory Committee working groups. Chair Guier reported that there were no nominations for the Regional Food Program Working Group, and recommended resoliciting for nominations for that group, as well as the additional vacancies on the other two work group.

Leanne Guier moved, seconded by Hank Margeson, to appoint Redmond Councilmember Hank Myers to the Urban Shoreline and Riparian Habitat Education Working Group, as well as Kent Councilmember Brenda Fincher and Issaquah Councilmember Bill Ramos to the Equity and Social Justice Working Group. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Appointment to Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC)

Deanna Dawson reviewed with the Board nominees for the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC), Boyd Benson from Duvall and Joel Pfundt from Kirkland. Staff notes that both candidates are highly qualified. Mayor Will Ibershof spoke in support of Benson. Mayor Amy Walen and Council President Hank Margeson spoke in support of Pfundt. President Baker called for a show of hands for each candidate. Benson received 7 votes (Auburn, Duvall, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Lake Forest Park, Pacific), and Pfundt received 4 votes (Federal Way, Kirkland, Redmond, Shoreline). The Board appointed Benson to fill the position. Members encouraged Pfundt to apply again when another opening is available on the PSRC RPEC.

8. City Manager/Administrator Report

Debbie Tarry provided the City Manager/Administrator report. Topics at the last City Manager/Administrator meeting included: legislative update from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC); presentation from the City of Auburn on the Safe Auburn For Every Resident (SAFER) Program; update on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) including its annual report, which can be found [here](#); and impacts on tax reform and protecting tax-exempt financing for municipal bonds. Tarry reported that the list of potential ballot measures and levies that SCA staff prepares for PIC meetings, will also be made available to the City Manager/Administrator meetings. Members asked Dawson to re-forward a letter from City of Sammamish regarding tax exempt status of municipal bonds. ([Attachment C](#)).

9. Discussion Items

a. Regional Affordable Housing Task Force

Deanna Dawson updated the Board that SCA will send a call for nominations for elected officials to fill the seats of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force. She anticipates a recommendation from the PIC on appointees to be considered at the May 17 Board meeting. As proposed by the Executive, SCA will have four seats (north, east, south, and “rural” cities).

b. Other current and upcoming SCA projects

i. Regional transportation system initiative

Dawson reported that the work on this issue is being done at the staff level through the technical advisory group. The next meeting of this staff group is May 5. The first date of the meeting for elected officials to discuss policy is tentatively scheduled for June 13. Members were asked to mark their calendars. A handout on the process was provided ([Attachment D](#)).

ii. Economic development summit

Dawson reported that this event is scheduled for May 8, and is a follow-up to the economic development summit held in December 2015. This event is free for both elected officials and staff. Members were encouraged to RSVP ([Attachment E](#)).

c. Legislative Update

Dawson updated members and provided a handout ([Attachment F](#)).

d. Upcoming SCA trainings and workshops

Dawson noted that upcoming pre-PIC workshops would include: One Center City (May), city human services funding, and the impact of the heroin/opiate crisis on crime. Margeson asked about how the Regional Centers framework at PSRC would be brought to PIC. Dawson responded that staff anticipated bringing this topic to PIC (not a pre-PIC workshop) on a regular (likely monthly) basis, so that different components of the proposal could be discussed by PIC. Board members concurred with this approach.

e. Upcoming networking events

Dawson reported on the upcoming May 3 event with several County Councilmembers. The event will be sponsored by the Seattle/King County Building Trades. The Board thanked Guier for helping to recruit the sponsor. Members discussed need to reschedule a June event due to venue availability and staff availability. Other upcoming events include a joint event on July 19 with NLC First Tier Suburbs, a September 6 legislative panel, a possible October lunch event with Senator Cantwell, and Annual Meeting with likely guest Peter Kageyama. Members discussed possible panelists for the Legislative Panel including Senator Fain, Representative Joan McBride, and Representative Morgan Irwin.

f. Continued discussion on retreat priorities

Dawson reviewed the SCA retreat priorities with the Board. She noted that SCA had received good feedback on the newly implemented President’s report, and on Board members acting as ambassadors at networking events. She encouraged Board members to continue reporting back to their own cities, as discussed at retreat. Dawson gave an update on the recent SCA Women’s Leadership Event, and thanked Vice President Walen for hosting. Members reviewed and discussed possible new sponsors. Dawson reported that Sound Transit is a new Regional Associate Member. Board members agreed to do outreach to sponsors including: Baker (Outcomes by Levy); Ibershof (Kenyon Disend, Parametrix); Stanford (McInstry, Realtors); Walen (Assessor’s Office). Backus suggested adding school districts to the list of potential sponsors. Members agreed to do outreach

to their respective districts. The Board discussed possibly limiting event attendance to SCA members (including Regional Associate Members).

10. Upcoming Events

The next SCA Networking Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Renton Pavilion Event Center.

The Public Sector Economic Development Summit for Elected Officials will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 9:00 AM at Microsoft Visitor Center, Redmond. Registration opens at 8:30 AM.

The next meeting of the SCA Public Issues Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall.

The next meeting of the SCA Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Renton City Hall.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.