



## **SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC)**

### **Minutes**

**March 7, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Renton City Hall**

**1055 S. Grady Way - Renton, WA 98057**

**(Small Cities Subcommittee Meeting – 6:00 PM)**

#### **1. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mia Gregerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 24 cities were represented (Attachment 1 to these minutes).

#### **2. Approval of minutes of February 8, 2012 meeting**

Pete Lewis, Auburn, moved, seconded by Jamie Perry, Kent, to approve the February 8, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Executive Director's Report**

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reminded members that the next SCA Networking Dinner is scheduled for April 4, 2012. She also reminded members that the SCA Newly Elected Workshop is scheduled for the afternoon of March 30, 2012 at Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).

ED Dawson announced the 2012 SCA Board Committees, which include Finance Committee, Communications Committee, and Membership Committee.

The Finance Committee will be tasked with taking a fresh look at the financial policies and the financial needs of the organization. It will be chaired by Sammamish Councilmember and SCA Treasurer Don Gerend and include: Algona Mayor Dave Hill, Federal Way Councilmember Dini Duclos, and Enumclaw City Administrator Michael Thomas as members.

The Communications Committee will be tasked with looking at better ways for SCA to communicate with its members and the public. The Board has indicated a desire both to do some rebranding of the organization, as well as to look at upgrading our website and other communications tools. This will hopefully also enable the PIC to function more effectively. The Communications Committee will be chaired by Kent Councilmember and SCA Executive Committee Member at Large Jamie Perry and include: Renton Mayor and SCA President Denis Law, and Maple Valley City Manager David Johnston as members.

The Membership Committee will be taking a look at both membership retention and new member recruitment. As a first step, they are going to be surveying existing members to get their thoughts on how the organization currently functions, what SCA is doing right and what SCA could be doing better. It will be chaired by Kirkland Councilmember and SCA Vice President Bob Sternoff and include: Shoreline Councilmember Chris Eggen, Redmond Mayor John Marchione, North Bend Mayor Ken Hearing, and Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis as members.

ED Dawson also reported on the PIC Operations and Procedures Subcommittee (PIC OPS) and the new Events Committee. There will be an overlap between PIC OPS subcommittee and the Membership Committee, especially as we ask member cities what they think is working and isn't working with the organization as a whole. Redmond Councilmember and PIC Vice Chair Hank Margeson is the Chair of the PIC OPS and is joined by the following members: PIC Chair and SCA Board member Mia Gregerson, Auburn Mayor and SCA Board members Pete Lewis and Duvall Mayor Pro Tem Amy Ockerlander and Kirkland Councilmember Amy Walen.

The Events Committee will be looking both at speakers for our continuing networking dinners and also at new networking and educational opportunities for SCA members. This committee is open to both Board members and non-Board members, and is a great way for new members to get involved with SCA. Snoqualmie Mayor and SCA Board member Matt Larson will chair this committee and will be joined by: Lake Forest Park Mayor Mary Jane Goss, Duvall Mayor Will Ibershof, Black Diamond Mayor Rebecca Olness, Renton Councilmember Ed Prince, and Federal Way Councilmember Susan Honda. There is still member seat availability, please contact SCA staff if you'd like to join the Events Committee.

ED Dawson reported that, per the request of the SCA Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Caucus, a PIC Study Session concerning on Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) will be scheduled for April 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the next meeting of the PIC. Members agreed that they would like to proceed with this study session in lieu of the Small Cities Subcommittee meeting.

There is a possible additional item related to the levy for a new juvenile justice facility that may be added to the 2012 PIC Schedule of Work.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Mia Gregerson, PIC Chair, reported that the SCA Leadership will be meeting with PSRC Executive Director, Bob Drewel, on a regular basis. Bob would like SCA members to contact PSRC if there are any issues that PSRC can assist with as a service oriented organization. National League of Cities (NLC) is meeting next week and SCA will send out a list of NLC Steering Committee members so that SCA members can discuss issues with the members of the Steering Committees. Mia also mentioned that local projects and plans funded by the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Federal Stimulus grants, a national initiative to prevent chronic disease and promote health through policy, would be completing their work in mid-March.

#### **5. Update from the PIC Operations and Procedures Subcommittee (PIC OPS)**

Hank Margeson, PIC OPS Chair, reported that the group met on March 1, 2012 to discuss the PIC Schedule of Work for 2012. The goal is to have all work done by the fall of 2012. The PIC OPS members prioritized the concerns of SCA members to be addressed. Three tiers have been established. The first tier includes the voting structure of the PIC, meeting locations, and the decision making process including identifying divisive issues. The second tier includes the role of presenters and staff, length of presentations, and methods of ways to bring issues before the PIC. The third tier includes the idea of a mentoring system for those who are new to the PIC as well as trying to find the difficulty that City Councils encounter when trying to take a position on

a potential PIC action item with enough time to discuss the issue. The PIC OPS will meet the third Wednesday of each month.

#### **6. Governor's Petition to Reclassify Cannabis for Medical Use**

Jason McGill, Executive Policy Advisor to the Governor's Executive Policy Office, was present to provide SCA members with answers concerning the Governor's petition to reclassify Cannabis for Medical Use. SCA members inquired on several topics including other states that have passed similar legislation, the source of the prescription drug, marinol as an alternative, and how this affects WA State Law. Members thanked Jason McGill for attending and providing further information.

Matt Pina, Des Moines, moved, seconded by Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that SCA support the Governor's petition to reclassify medical marijuana/cannabis from a Schedule I to a Schedule II controlled substance. The motion passed with one no vote from Kingston Wall, Snoqualmie.

#### **7. Association of Washington Cities (AWC) – 2012 Legislative Session Report**

ED Dawson provided an update on the 2012 Legislative Session. Unfortunately, a representative from AWC was unable to attend due to the legislature still being in session. Deanna passed out the AWC Draft 2011-13 State Budget Impacts on Cities spreadsheet. This document can be found by following this link, <http://www.awcnet.org/Portals/0/Documents/Legislative/House-Senate%20-prop-Supplemental-budget-3-5-12.pdf>. If you have any questions, please contact AWC.

ESSB 6582, concerning local transportation revenue options, is expected to come out of the Senate conference committee today. This is a conference bill, which has special parliamentary procedures. The conference bill will provide: 1) a council-manic \$20 to \$40 TBD; 2) 1-cent gas tax for Seattle only that is voter approved; 3) a King County 1% countywide MVET with no distribution formula established and requires voter approval; 4) and in large counties, the county may form a Transportation Benefit District (TBD), for the purpose of establishing a 0.5% MVET for transit, subject to voter approval, in a designated UGA-Transit-Service boundary. SSB 6406 concerning SEPA and Stormwater, "Phase II Stormwater Permit Relief", is strongly opposed by the environmental community, yet is seen by AWC as a very modest proposal. SSB 6406, modifying programs that provide for the protection of the state's natural resources, needs strong city support to pass. The County utility tax bill appears to be dead.

When discussing federal issues while at the NLC conference, SCA Regional Associate Member Jake Johnston, federal lobbyist, suggests the following talking points while meeting with your delegation in DC:

1. Reauthorize the Transportation bill. Cities face numerous infrastructure challenges that require funding partners to solve. Federal transportation bills provide needed funds to states, regional planning organizations like PSRC and municipalities. Cities should support a full five-six year authorization with no reductions in program funding levels.

2. Reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act. Similar to the Transportation bill, the WRDA reauthorization provides funds for critical flood control and surface water treatment

projects. Reauthorizing the WRDA bill will provide critical flood control funding to the regional Army Corps of Engineers office, which will benefit the flood control projects on the Green River and improve the water quality of Lake Washington.

3. Support any effort within both authorization bills to provide cities - especially exurban and suburban cities - with new financial tools to utilize and leverage federal funds.

#### **8. Affordable Housing and Countywide Planning Policies Update (GMPC)**

Arthur Sullivan, Program Manager for A Regional Coalition on Housing (ARCH), gave a presentation on the draft Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) related to affordable housing that are being developed by the IJT in cooperation with King County planning directors. At its September 2011 meeting, the GMPC directed its staff, the Interjurisdiction Team (IJT) to work in a collaborative effort with interested cities on a revised methodology for allocating affordable housing targets. Arthur reviewed the countywide need for very low, low and moderate housing. The proposed CPPs would focus on the need countywide, not on a specific affordable housing target per city; instead, each city should look at meeting their share of the countywide need through the adoption of policies and strategies to achieve that need. Existing housing could count towards meeting a particular city's need and there is a clear understanding that cities working on their own cannot meet the need for very low (0-30% of the area median income). More information on this matter will be presented in coming months.

#### **9. Puget Sound Partnership – South Central Action Area Caucus Group – LIO Priority Project**

Susan O'Neil, Ecosystem Coordinator for the Puget Sound Partnership, and De'Sean Quinn, South Central Action Area Caucus Group (SCAACG) Local Integrating Organizations (LIO) Coordinator, provided a presentation on the SCAACG LIOs. The South Central Area is one of six LIOs, which enable communities to guide the implementation of Action Agenda priorities at an ecosystem scale, and to prioritize local actions for investment. The South Central LIO received a small grant to hire a local Coordinator to assist with implementation of local priorities. The SCAACG recommended focusing this effort on Shoreline Master Programs in our region and to track alignment of local priorities with recovery targets. As the LIO for the South Central Area, De'Sean Quinn will be working with member cities to: Create an inventory and review of completed Shoreline Master Programs, cross reference Shoreline Master Plans and Action Agenda targets, and identify barriers to implementation including funding and technical challenges.

#### **10. Metro Alternative Services 5 Year Implementation Plan Update (RTC)**

Bob Sternoff, SCA-Regional Transit Task Force (RTC) Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Metro Alternative Services 5 Year Implementation Plan. Since last month's PIC meeting, the SCA RTC Caucus requested that Metro add a workshop, similar to the workshops that took place during the development of the Strategic plan, on the Alternative Services Plan. The workshop is scheduled to take place in early April and will give members an opportunity to provide feedback on the planning process to date. Metro held an additional Stakeholder meeting in Kent. Attendees included Mayor Dave Hill, Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge, and Councilmember Stacia Jenkins. Metro presented their proposal for implementing alternative service delivery. Concerns Suburban Cities Representatives have articulated include that the cost isn't shifted to riders, that there continues to be geographic coverage, increasing the scope of the plan, and increased stakeholder outreach. Metro plans on identifying the lowest 25%

performing routes as potential candidates for elimination. They will assess social equity and geographic value, look at available resources (their target is to reduce cost by 25%). They're planning on offering a wide range of potential alternatives to each affected community and will eventually narrow it down to a short list of alternatives. Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, added that she would like to receive feedback from cities that have not had an opportunity to weigh in and encouraged members to contact her if more information is needed.

#### **11. Transportation 2040 Prioritization Update (PSRC TPB)**

Jeanne Burbidge, SCA-Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Transportation 2040 Prioritization process. In February, for the 2012 Project Selection process, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) TPB and Executive Board approved continuing with existing policies and procedures, increasing funding to the Rural Town Centers and Corridors program by \$1 million, along with an additional set-aside for preservation and maintenance for the 2012 Project Selection Policies and Procedures. Estimated funding available for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 is \$441.9 million. Projects receiving these funds will be selected later this year. There was tremendous amount of discussion at the TPB and Executive Board surrounding the one-time 25% set-aside of Surface Transportation Funds (STP) for preservation, an estimated \$13.5 million for King County for the 2012 Countywide Distribution. There is concern amongst cities regarding level of effort and fairness. PSRC's recommendation included regional guiding principles to be followed by each countywide process, to address these concerns. The King County Project Evaluation Committee is recommending specific criteria for Preservation Projects, which includes:

1. Pavement Condition Index
2. Facility Characteristics (Federal Classification, Truck Route Classification, Bus Routes)
3. Centers
4. Level of Effort
5. Matching component
6. Incentive/Innovation

Monica Whitman encouraged cities, particularly those that don't have a seat on the Executive or Transportation Policy Board, to provide feedback on their preservation needs and concerns as the TPB continues their work on the Prioritization process for the 2014 Transportation 2040 Plan Update.

#### **12. School Siting Task Force Update**

Bob Sternoff, member of the School Siting Task Force, provided an update. The School Siting Task Force met once in February and is scheduled for its final two meetings in March. The Task Force has had detailed presentations about each of the sites and has begun developing criteria that will allow them to sort the 18 school sites under discussion into four discrete categories. Next steps include coming up with solutions to address each of the categories and discussion on how to implement those solutions.

#### **13. Reports**

Small Cities Subcommittee: How Bothell is using Social Media to Communicate

Barre Seibert, Small Cities Subcommittee Chair, reported that Joy Johnston, Public Information Officer for Bothell, provided a presentation on the City of Bothell's is communicating with its citizens. Joy discussed social media methods that have been successful for Bothell. She

identified four areas for cities to establish goals: how to best communicate with citizens, how to select personnel, written policies, and political support. The City of Bothell's Social Media Policy can be viewed at this link, <http://www.mrsc.org/policyprocedures/b67socmedpol.pdf>. Barre also encouraged cities of all sizes to attend the Small Cities Subcommittee meetings, as the topics often benefit large and small cities.

#### 14. Other

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1. Pete Lewis asked SCA members to bring forward the top three issues in countywide policies that the suburban cities of King County would like the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) to address. Monica will circulate the 2012 RPC Work Plan so that PIC members can share the priorities with their councils and establish the most important issues. Deanna asked SCA members to give feedback to SCA staff.

#### Upcoming Meetings

1. SCA Newly Elected Workshop, Friday, March 30, 2012 – 1:15 p.m.
2. SCA Networking Dinner, Wednesday, April 4, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.
3. SCA Combined Sewer Overflow Study Session, Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
4. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

#### 15. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

#### Committee Acronyms

BOH	Board of Health	MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
RTC	Regional Transit Committee	PIC	Public Issues Committee
CEH	Committee to End Homelessness in King County	PSRC	Puget Sound Regional Council
DVI	Domestic Violence Initiative	REPC	Radio Executive Policy Committee
EDDB	PSRC's Economic Development District Board	RPEC	PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee
EMAC	Emergency Management Advisory Board	RLSJ	Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee
EMS	King County Emergency Medical Services Task Force	RPC	Regional Policy Committee
ETP	Eastside Transportation Partnership	RTC	Regional Transit Committee
GMPB	PSRC's Growth Management Policy Board	RWQC	Regional Water Quality Committee
GMPC	Growth Management Planning Council	SCA	Suburban Cities Association
FCDAC	Flood Control District Advisory Committee	SCAAC	South Central Action Area Caucus Group
JRC	Joint Recommendations Committee	SCATBd	South County Area Transportation Board
LEOFF 1	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Board	SeaShore	Seashore Transportation Forum
LHWMP	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program	SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee	TPB	PSRC's Transportation Policy Board

## 2012 Roll Call –Public Issues Committee Meeting March 7, 2012

City	Representative	Alternate	Other	Staff
<b>Algona</b>	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn		
<b>Auburn</b>	Pete Lewis	Nancy Backus		
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider			
Black Diamond	Rebecca Olness			
<b>Bothell</b>	Andy Rheaume	Tom Agnew		
<b>Burien</b>	Jerry Robison	Bob Edgar		
<b>Clyde Hill</b>	Barre Seibert	George Martin		
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto		
<b>Des Moines</b>	Matt Pina			
<b>Duvall</b>	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof		
<b>Enumclaw</b>	Liz Reynolds			
<b>Federal Way</b>	Linda Kochmar	Jeanne Burbidge		
Hunts Point	Fred McConkey			
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	John Traeger		
Kenmore	David Baker	Allan Van Ness		
<b>Kent</b>	Jamie Perry	Suzette Cooke		
<b>Kirkland</b>	Amy Walen	Bob Sternoff		
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Sandy Koppenol	Tom French		
<b>Maple Valley</b>	Layne Barnes	Erin Weaver		
Milton	Jim Manley	Debra Perry		
<b>Newcastle</b>	Lisa Jensen	Rich Crispo		
Normandy Park	Shawn McEvoy	Susan West		
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing		
<b>Pacific</b>	Leanne Guier	John Jones		
<b>Redmond</b>	Hank Margeson	John Stilin		
<b>Renton</b>	Rich Zwicker	Terri Briere		
<b>Sammamish</b>	Tom Vance	Tom Odell	Don Gerend	
<b>SeaTac</b>	Mia Gregerson	Tony Anderson		
<b>Shoreline</b>	Chris Roberts	Chris Eggen		
Skykomish	Henry Sladek			
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	Matt Larson	Kingston Wall		
<b>Tukwila</b>	Jim Haggerton	Kate Kruller		
<b>Woodinville</b>	Bernie Talmas			
SCA				Deanna Dawson Monica Whitman Kristy Burwell Doreen Booth

Electeds present are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.