



SCA Public Issues Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

July 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Vice Chair Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM. 23 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included Councilmember Carol Simpson, Newcastle; Councilmember John Stilin, Redmond; Michael Huddleston, King County Council staff; Kelly Marquardt, Office of Rep. Suzan DelBene; Briahna Murray, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs; Councilmember Ryan McIrvine, Renton; Lyman Howard, City of Sammamish staff; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office staff.

2. Public Comment

Vice Chair Prince asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, Prince closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the May 10, 2017 Minutes

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, moved, seconded by Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, to approve the June 14, 2017 PIC minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Prince invited a motion to cancel the August 9, 2017 PIC meeting as had been previously discussed by the PIC in June, but not yet formally acted upon. Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved seconded by Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, that the August 9, 2017 PIC meeting be cancelled. The motion was approved unanimously.

Prince introduced new SCA Policy Analyst Cynthia Foley. PIC members welcomed Foley. Prince noted that the PIC will meet have a December PIC meeting, to recommend 2018 SCA appointments for regional boards and committees. The meeting will be held on December 13, 2017. Members with questions about the appointment process and anticipated vacancies are encouraged to contact SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson promptly as she will be on parental leave beginning in August.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director reported that SCA 2018 appointments are taking place in December this year because of the late date of the general election, November 7, 2017.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, encouraged members to speak with their councils about upcoming committee opportunities and suggested that potential applicants attend a meeting of the regional board or committee for which they are interested in this year to get a better sense of the committee. Dawson noted that the PIC Nominating Committee often takes note of such advance interest when recommending appointments. Dawson highlighted that a large number of vacancies are anticipated for 2018, due to retirements, and reiterated that members should contact her soon should they have any questions about opportunities to serve on regional boards and committees.

Dawson shared the news that Yarrow Point has decided to join SCA. Dawson thanked SCA President and Kenmore Mayor David Baker for his leadership in expanding SCA's membership to a full 38 cities. With the addition of Yarrow Point, Dawson noted that the quorum requirement for future PIC meetings will increase to 20.

Dawson encouraged members to attend the next SCA networking event, to be held July 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a joint meeting with the National League of Cities (NLC) First Tier Suburbs Council. Dawson noted that Auburn Councilmember John Holman is a vice chair of the NLC First Tier Suburbs Council and has been assisting in preparations for the event. Attendees from the NLC First Tier Suburbs Council have asked to hear more about SCA and how it works and are excited to meet SCA members. The program will also feature a federal update from NLC staff and a legislative update from Association of Washington Cities CEO Peter King. New councilmembers and candidates for city office are particularly encouraged to attend as the event will provide an opportunity to learn more about SCA and regional governance.

There will also be an SCA networking event September 6, 2017 featuring a panel of legislators and recap of the 2017 legislative session. The SCA annual meeting will be November 29, 2017, and caucus meetings will be held December 6, 2017 for the South and South Valley caucuses and December 7, 2017 for the North and Snoqualmie Valley caucuses. During these meetings, caucuses will elect their representatives to the SCA Board and discuss policy priorities for the coming year. Members are encouraged to talk with Dawson if they are interested in running for the Board.

Dawson reported that the SCA Board decided June 28, 2017 to retain the existing process for setting membership dues ([population](#) times an assessment rate that is adjusted by CPI-W June to June for Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton with a floor of 0% and a cap of 3%). This will enable SCA to notify member cities of proposed dues during the summer.

Dawson reported on an effort (led by former Governor Chris Gregoire and Challenge Seattle, and businesses including Microsoft and Boeing) to improve the regional economic development system. A working group from Pierce, Snohomish, and King County is working to put together ideas, and Dawson represents SCA in the effort.

Dawson concluded by noting that this may be her final PIC meeting of the year as she will be leaving in the coming weeks for parental leave. During this leave, SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry will be assisting with administration of the organization, and SCA Administrative Services Manager Caitlin Magee will continue to be available to assist from the SCA office.

6. Regional Affordable Housing Task Force

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that a kickoff meeting of the King County Regional Affordable Housing Task Force was scheduled for Friday, July 14 at the Renton Community Center. The Task Force was established by King County Council [Motion 14873](#), approved by the Council in May. Per Motion 14873, the Task Force membership includes twelve voting members and one ex officio (non-voting) member. SCA was asked to recommend four voting members representing North King County, East King County, South King County, and cities in the rural area. SCA held a call for nominations beginning in April. Four nominees were recommended by PIC on May 10 and approved by the SCA Board on May 17.

The SCA representatives on the Task Force are Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, representing North King County; Mayor John Stokes, Bellevue, representing East King County; Mayor Ken Hearing, North Bend, representing cities in rural areas; and, Councilmember Ryan McIrvine, Renton, representing South King County.

The Task Force is scheduled to recommend a final Regional Affordable Housing Strategy to the County Executive and Council no later than December 2018. Per Motion 14873, the Task Force work will include: assessing the current state of regional housing affordability in King County, including ongoing efforts by jurisdictions; developing a recommended statement of intent to address the regional affordable housing crisis in King County; identifying collective tools and actions that can be taken at the regional level to create more affordable options where needed and preserve affordable housing where it exists today, which could include a recommended plan for new partnerships, local strategies, regulatory reform, and funding approaches that could include, but is not limited to, evaluating a countywide sales tax levy under RCW 82.14.530; develop and recommend a state legislative strategy to address issues relating to affordable housing and homelessness; and developing a dashboard to display regional progress in achieving the affordability goals of the Countywide Planning Policies.

Parry said the Task Force will be developing its work plan, beginning with the kickoff meeting on July 14 and that PIC members were encouraged to provide input on their affordable housing priorities to help inform the four SCA members appointed to the Task Force.

Councilmember Barre Siebert, Clyde Hill, stated that Clyde Hill lacks affordable places for some people who work in the city to live. He is interested in working as part of a regional effort to address affordable housing needs. He said that Clyde Hill currently participates regionally in efforts to address affordable housing through its participation in A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) with other eastside cities and also rents a city-owned home at a below market rate to people in need of assistance.

Councilmember Sheree Wen, Medina, said that Medina has been contributing funding to ARCH to help address affordable housing regionally. She said she was interested in the Task Force helping identify where funding is spent and that she would like to see more affordable housing nearer to her community.

Councilmember Austin Bell, Burien, noted that his comments would reflect his personal opinions as the full city council has not discussed the Task Force. He said that he hears two

primary areas of concern from members of his community. The first is residents being forced to move out of their homes and the community because they can no longer afford to live there. The second is concerns from people who are seeing the character of their neighborhoods change with infill development and higher densities. He encouraged the Task Force members to look at an array of options, including low-impact infill development.

Mayor Jonathan Chicquette, Normandy Park, said that he is concerned about his city's growing senior population and their ability to continue to afford to live in their homes. He said he would like the Task Force to look at options to create affordable housing for seniors.

Councilmember Erin Weaver, Maple Valley, said that in contrast to some other cities in the region, Maple Valley is where people are moving to find affordable market rate housing. She said her concern is that people are looking very far away from their workplace to find housing they can afford. She said her priority is transportation and transit access to move people from their homes to work.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, said that he agreed with the comments from previous speakers.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, highlighted several efforts under way at the City of Kirkland to address affordable housing. The city recently launched an affordable housing task force that was developing recommendations for the city council. He said the city also recently identified a location for a women and families shelter and is working to secure the remaining funding. The city has also implemented an inclusionary zoning ordinance that requires 10% of units in multifamily projects to be affordable. A demolition fee to support affordable housing projects has also been discussed, but there are concerns about that tool. He said he hoped to have the recommendations of the city's task force in time to help inform the regional effort. Dawson asked whether Kirkland might share the work plan of the Kirkland task force. Nixon agreed to look into providing that information.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, noted that her comments would reflect her personal thoughts and not the full city council. She said that many residents in Federal Way feel like there is already enough affordable housing and some associate crime and other negative community impacts with housing assistance for low income residents. She spoke also to the difficulties those with Section 8 vouchers have in securing housing in the current market. Some recipients are unable to use their vouchers, because they cannot find available units. She suggested that the Task Force look to ways to better help the community understand the many different affordable housing needs in our region.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, noted that he had not yet had the opportunity to discuss the issue with his council, but shared his personal observations. He said that 20% of Mercer Island's population is 65 and over, and that many would like to be able to downsize their homes without moving out of the community. He said the city is looking at a variety of changes to the residential development code to encourage more housing diversity. He said he would like the Task Force to provide information on tools other jurisdictions are using to

address these concerns. He noted that Mercer Island has an existing Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program and contributes to ARCH.

Councilmember Rich Crispo, Newcastle, noted that the city has requirements in place for affordable units in multifamily projects and also participates regionally as part of ARCH. He said he is concerned about residents who have lived in the city for many years who are at risk of being priced out of their homes, including by increases in federal, state, and local taxes. He said more attention should be paid to unintended consequences of policies that could increase costs for homeowners and force them out of their homes.

Councilmember Mariah Bettise, Issaquah, said the city is currently working on an affordable housing strategy. She said the city has a moratorium in place and is exploring options to increase the supply of affordable housing. She said she would like the Task Force to help identify tools that jurisdictions could use to help address the problem.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, said that compared to most other cities in King County, Algona is where the region's affordable housing is located and his concern is maintaining their existing affordable housing stock. He said the biggest challenge for south county is transportation and getting people from where they can afford to live and where job centers are located.

Councilmember Ross Loudanback, North Bend, said the city's greatest need is workforce housing. He said he would like to see more jobs in the Snoqualmie Valley so that people don't have to travel as far for work, and improvements to the transportation system. He said the city will soon be adding 400 new units of multifamily housing with 10% required to be affordable, and that adding housing stock was important.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, highlighted several efforts under way at the city to promote affordable housing, including the upcoming opening of a Mary's Place shelter and transit oriented development with density bonuses granted if a developer provides affordable units. He said a big concern is the lack of housing for people earning 30% of area median income. He said he is also concerned about the percentage of older adults increasing in the homeless population because they cannot afford to stay in their homes on the amount of money they saved for retirement.

Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, highlighted efforts to require affordable housing in their town center plans. She said she was also concerned about the city's aging population being forced out of their homes by rising costs. She also suggested looking at impacts from foreign investors purchasing homes with cash offers as investment properties. She said transit and bus service are important pieces that need to be considered by the Task Force.

Councilmember Fran Hollums, Covington, said the biggest concern in her community is infrastructure, and getting people through the city from homes where they can afford to live to their workplace. She said new housing is in the pipeline that may help address affordability, but transportation will still be a major concern.

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, noted that her Council has not reached agreement on tools to address affordable housing, but offered comments reflecting her personal position. She said she is concerned new homes being built in the city are not affordable. She said new houses were starting at \$750,000, and that older apartments in the city are charging rents of \$1,600 and more. She said the city is looking for tools to bring about more workforce housing, but that they have limited options because much of the planned development is already vested and wouldn't be impacted by new regulations requiring affordable units. She said that she too is concerned about transportation and access to transit as people are forced to move farther from work to find homes they can afford.

Councilmember John Holman, Auburn, said he concurred with many of the concerns raised by others.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, highlighted some efforts under way in Redmond to promote affordable housing. He said that Redmond has a shelter for young adults, a recent project opened with more than 70 units of affordable senior housing and on-site medical care on property owned by the city, and the city participates in ARCH. He noted that the city has an inclusionary zoning program that provides for homes affordable to those earning up to 80% of area median income, and that next week the city would be considering an ordinance to implement a multifamily tax exemption to stimulate construction of affordable multifamily housing in targeted areas of the city. He said the city is concerned about seniors being able to downsize their homes while staying in the community. He said many seniors find they can't afford to downsize in the current market, and that this is having downstream impacts on the availability of housing for first time homebuyers and others looking for market rate housing they can afford. He said transit oriented development and tools that can reduce multifamily rents are a priority, and that he is interested in reducing barriers for people in the community to use existing tools that could increase the stock of affordable housing such as Accessory Dwelling Units.

Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, said the city has been a strong proponent of affordable housing. He said his concerns are how long new affordable units are maintained as affordable, and also that affordable units be kept in good condition.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, said the city is also a participant in ARCH. He said that new homes being built in the city are starting at more than \$900,000. He said he shared the concern voiced by others that seniors be able to stay in their homes or in their community if they wanted to downsize. He said he would like the Task Force to provide resources and education on successful efforts so that cities could learn from each other what strategies work best or pitfalls that should be avoided.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, highlighted ongoing efforts in the city to maintain its affordable housing supply, noting that median home prices in Tukwila are lower than many other areas in the county. She said the city is looking at areas with future development potential in the city that could help address the need for more affordable housing in the city. She said that some residents, especially in the immigrant community, were being forced to move to other parts of the county where they could afford to find homes that are affordable in

proximity to each other. Tukwila also has a rental housing inspection program to help maintain quality affordable housing units.

Vice Chair Ed Prince, Renton, said that 40% of households in the city are cost burdened and the Renton Housing Authority has more than 1,600 people on its waitlist for housing vouchers. He said concerns about affordable housing include not only vulnerable populations, but the ability of middle income families to afford to buy and stay in their homes. He said the city was dedicating a staff person to work with the Task Force and that he hoped the Task Force would work to develop a menu of options for developing new affordable housing and reducing the cost of existing tools like Accessory Dwelling Units.

Councilmember Ryan McIrvine, Renton, was asked by Vice Chair Prince to address the PIC as a member of the Task Force. McIrvine thanked PIC members for their input and encouraged members to continue to share their thoughts with him as the Task Force goes about its work. He said one recurring theme he heard from members is the need to address the region's changing demographics and housing needs at all ends of the spectrum from seniors looking to downsize to millennials looking for a starter home. He said condominiums should be included as part of the solution and that they are not being built right now because of current state law. He also said that wages and other factors that help people achieve affordability should be considered by the Task Force.

7. Regional Centers

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, provided an update on regional centers policy changes under consideration by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB). In July, the GMPB worked to narrow the scope of alternatives provided in a stakeholder working group [report](#) for modifying current regional centers policies. Members of the SCA GMPB caucus provided feedback to PSRC staff on the options under consideration and are seeking ongoing input from the PIC before any final recommendations are made.

Parry reported that the GMPB is working to develop recommendations for public comment, potentially in September or October of 2017. Final recommendations are currently anticipated to be sent to the PSRC Executive Board for final approval as early as November or December of 2017.

In July, the GMPB focused on three primary policy areas concerning regional centers: how large military installations should be incorporated into planning for centers; minimum eligibility criteria for Manufacturing/Industrial Centers; and reviewing and standardizing Regional Growth Center designation criteria. Parry noted some jurisdictions are looking to broaden the areas eligible for federal funds allocated through PSRC. Specifically, by expanding criteria to compete for regional funds to include areas with large military facilities on par with Regional Growth Centers, and to industrial areas that do not meet the current minimum job thresholds identified by the region.

While recognizing the important role military facilities play in our region's economy, SCA members on GMPB observed that military facilities are fundamentally different from the types of centers cities are investing in and planning for. Members noted that jurisdictions make

difficult decisions to accommodate growth and its impacts, and that federal funds allocated through PSRC are critical to mitigating those impacts. SCA members also recognized the importance of preserving limited industrial lands, but encouraged maintaining a minimum job thresholds or other evidence of economic activity to prevent allocating resources that may not ultimately help preserve or promote industrial job growth. Members also expressed support for continuing to prioritize regional funding to areas with high levels of existing employment. For Regional Growth Centers, members encouraged flexibility for currently designated Regional Growth Centers that may fall short of the new planning targets, especially when a jurisdiction has demonstrated a commitment to plan for and encourage growth in centers; and, that identifying different capacity and roles for centers may be of value, but that much more information is needed about how creating any new categories of centers would be incorporated into future funding competitions.

Parry reported that the next meeting of the GMPB is scheduled for September 7, and encouraged PIC members to provide feedback at PIC or directly to SCA staff.

8. Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on work underway by the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) and King County Council on legislation to place a Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) on the November ballot to replace the expiring Veterans and Human Services Levy. In June, PIC members were invited to provide input into the levy legislation. That feedback was discussed by the SCA Board on June 28 and comments from both the PIC and the SCA Board were carried forward to the SCA RPC members.

As previously reported to the PIC, the King County Executive transmitted a proposal to place a VSHSL on the ballot at a rate of \$0.12 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value, but the levy was amended by RPC to a revised rate of \$0.10 per \$1,000 in assessed value. There was a recognition at that time that more work was needed on the ordinance and that further amendment would take place at the King County Council before it was returned to the RPC.

From RPC, the legislation next moved to the King County Council's Budget and Fiscal Management Committee, which on June 28, returned the rate to \$0.12 as originally proposed by the Executive and made a number of other changes summarized in the [PIC Packet on page 29](#). Subsequently, on July 5, the full King County Council lowered the rate back to \$0.10 and adjusted the levy structure. As originally proposed by the Executive, generally one-third of levy proceeds would go to each of three buckets: veterans, military service members, and their families; seniors; and vulnerable populations—a more general human services category. With a 5-4 vote, the Council amended this structure to effectively direct half of levy funding to services for veterans and half to others. Specifically, the new service category for seniors would be split so that half of the funding would be required to be used for seniors who are also veterans, military service members, or their respective families and caregivers. This is the version of the ordinance that returned to RPC for action on July 12.

On July 12, prior to the PIC meeting, RPC amended the legislation further. The rate remains at \$0.10 per \$1,000 in assessed value, but under a striking amendment offered by Kent Mayor Suzette Cooke and approved with a 9-3 vote, the structure now goes back to what had

originally been proposed by the Executive and discussed here with the PIC: one third of funding will go to services for each of three populations. The striking amendment also spoke to streamlining county processes for the review and approval of housing facilities and the need to recognize geographic differences, such as housing costs, when assessing the need for housing investments. SCA RPC members also offered two additional amendments, which were approved unanimously: First, to cap county planning, administrative, and evaluation expenses at 5 percent, and second, to more explicitly require forthcoming implementation and governance plans called for under the levy ordinance be mandatorily referred to the RPC.

The next step will be for the legislation to move back to the King County Council. If the King County Council approves it, as currently drafted on July 17, it will be placed on the November ballot. If the King County Council changes the legislation further, it will go back to the RPC during a special meeting July 19 and then would need to go back to the King County Council for action by August 1. Additional scenarios are also possible, but would require six votes by the King County Council.

Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, reported that her City Council discussed the levy proposal recently and were generally supportive but were also concerned about scope-creep with the proposed replacement levy and expanded rate. Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that SCA RPC members shared concerns about voter tax fatigue heard from other SCA Members and have a primary consideration of getting a levy placed before voters and having it win their support. Dawson reiterated that the King County Council is anticipated to act on the levy ordinance July 17 and encouraged members to provide feedback to their King County Councilmembers.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, who serves as an alternate to the RPC, noted that the levy could help to address some of the housing affordability concerns discussed under the prior agenda item because the levy proposal would direct funding to housing, including housing specifically for seniors. Wilson-Jones added that in the first year, at least half of the funding from each of the three population categories would go to investments in housing stability and a least a quarter in future years.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, expressed concerns about potential cuts to federal funding for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development housing programs and whether local funding would be sufficient to cover the gap.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, highlighted the need to consider the cumulative impact of various taxes on residents. With recent tax increases related to Sound Transit 3 and state funding for schools, voters may not be supportive of this levy.

9. 2017 State Legislative Session

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that the 2017-19 state biennial operating budget was signed by Governor Jay Inslee late on June 30, one day before the state government was due to partially shut down. The \$43.7 billion biennial operating budget is coupled with a school funding deal that will add \$7.3 billion in state funding for schools over the next four years. To fund this, legislators increased the statewide property tax for education

while limiting local school districts' levy authority. Taxpayers in King County area school districts are the hardest hit while most other parts of the state would see decreases in property taxes. The impacts for each school district are available [here](#).

The operating budget maintains the bulk of revenues shared with cities and will provide some new revenues—including collection of sales tax from out-of-state internet retailers and tax on bottled water and extracted fuels. AWC has prepared a [detailed chart](#) of the impacts of the operating budget on cities, including reductions to marijuana mitigation revenues.

The Senate proposal to eliminate the state's contribution to LEOFF 2 pension obligations was not included in the final budget. Advocacy by cities—and especially Redmond Mayor John Marchione and nearly 30 SCA mayors who joined an [op-ed in the Seattle Times](#)—was reported to be essential.

Under a revenue bill passed by the Legislature, the manufacturing business-and-occupation tax rate reduction first approved for Boeing in 2003 would have been extended to all other Washington manufacturers. However, Governor Inslee vetoed this provision.

The Capital budget is still pending, with the current 30-day special session ending July 20. The [House earlier passed out a capital budget 92-1](#) that would include significant funding for King County projects. However, the capital budget is tied up with an ongoing deadlock on legislation to address two recent state Supreme Court decisions affecting water availability for development. Republican state Sen. Michael Baumgartner of Spokane has also put out a statement that there would be no Capital budget unless the Legislature overrides the Governor's veto.

Wilson-Jones recapped the status of SCA's three adopted priorities for the 2017 legislative session: adjusting the property tax cap, investing in public health services, and addressing the housing and homelessness crisis. First, the Legislature did not act on adjusting the property tax cap for local governments. On public health investment, there was a statewide increase of funding for foundational public health services of \$12 million, with approximately \$2 million of that going to the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health in the next biennium. On housing and homelessness, House Democrats and Senate Republicans reached a compromise to extend the document recording fee through 2023 as part of a broader bill, SB 5254, that also allows a portion of REET II funding to be used for homeless housing development in the current biennium under certain conditions; makes changes to the Growth Management Act's buildable lands program; among other provisions. Investment in the Housing Trust Fund remains uncertain while budget negotiators continue to work on a capital budget deal. The Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program provides services to address homelessness and has been fully funded in the operating budget. The budget also allows for full implementation of the Medicaid 1115 Waiver, which will help to provide services linked with housing.

Wilson-Jones noted that Tim Eyman announced July 11 that he will be gathering signatures for an initiative to the Legislature to set annual car tabs at a flat \$30, barring local transportation benefit district fees and effectively repealing all Sound Transit related car tab fees.

Wilson-Jones concluded her report by recognizing Shoreline Mayor Chris Roberts and Kirkland Councilmember Dave Asher as well as Tom Brubaker, Deborah Needham, and Kim Crause, staff for the cities of Kent, Renton, and Burien respectively, all of whom received [2017 Advocacy All-Star Awards](#) from the Association of Washington Cities. Wilson-Jones thanked all SCA members for their efforts during the very long, and still ongoing, 2017 legislative session.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted that while the Legislature did not take action to adjust the property tax cap for local governments, the Legislature had however exempted the state from the rule for purposes of school funding and noted that, similarly, the Legislature has exempted itself from Public Records Act requirements that apply to local governments.

10. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on the list of potential levies and ballot measures in the PIC Packet. If members have updates to the list, they can be provided to SCA at brian@soundcities.org.

11. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that this is a recurring monthly agenda item providing a list of potential issues that SCA will track and may bring back at a later time. Members are asked to provide her with any updates to the list via email at deanna@soundcities.org. Dawson said there is a pre-PIC workshop scheduled in September on heroin and opioid epidemic and its connection to property crime in the region. Presenters will include law enforcement representatives from the cities of Auburn and Renton.

Councilmember Sheree Wen, Medina, provided information on a [letter](#) drafted by the United States Conference of Mayors to the FCC supporting “net neutrality” rules. She reported that there are significant concerns with the FCC’s proposal to rollback internet regulations that promote privacy protection, the flow of information over the internet, and costs to consumers. She encouraged cities to consider writing to the FCC chair opposing the rollback of regulations. Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, reported that the National League of Cities is also working on the issue in support of net neutrality.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, reported on a letter being drafted to urge the federal government to allocate funding needed to perform non-routine major maintenance on the Ballard Locks. He said the Locks have functioned long past their design lifespan and that the failure of the system would cause significant damage to the local economy and property. Dawson noted that SCA staff will circulate the letter with SCA mayors.

12. Informational Items

Vice Chair Prince reported that an informational item on the King Conservation District Program of Work is contained in the PIC Packet beginning on page 43. Members with questions should contact SCA policy analyst Ella Williams at ella@soundcities.org.

13. Upcoming Events

Vice Chair Prince reported that SCA is jointly hosting a networking event with the National League of Cities First Tier Suburbs Council on July 19 at 5:30 PM at the Renton Pavilion Events Center.

Vice Chair Prince reported the next PIC meeting will be held September 13, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Renton City Hall with a pre-PIC workshop on the law enforcement response to the heroin and opioid epidemic at 6:00 PM.

14. For the Good of the Order

Vice Chair Prince highlighted the month's "Did You Know" on the PIC agenda, which features the City of Sammamish. Vice Chair Prince also congratulated Councilmember Christie Malchow, Sammamish, on her recent appointment as Deputy Mayor. Vice Chair Prince asked if any member wished to offer further comments. SCA Executive Director Dawson reported on the opening of the new Hyatt Regency on Lake Washington in Renton, and the new commercial construction and development happening adjacent. She encouraged members to visit the property, and the new waterfront restaurant in Renton.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
Auburn	Nancy Backus	John Holman
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Richard Leider
Bellevue	John Stokes	Kevin Wallace
Black Diamond	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
Bothell	James McNeal	Tris Samberg
Burien	Austin Bell	Nancy Tosta
Carnation	Dustin Green	Jim Berger
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin
Covington	Fran Hollums	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.
Des Moines	Robert Back	Melissa Musser
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof
Enumclaw	Jan Molinaro	Mike Sando
Federal Way	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Dini Duclos
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Mariah Bettise
Kenmore	David Baker	Nigel Herbig
Kent	Bill Boyce	Dana Ralph
Kirkland	Toby Nixon	
Lake Forest Park	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
Maple Valley	Erin Weaver	Bill Allison
Medina	Sheree Wen	
Mercer Island	Benson Wong	Wendy Weiker
Milton	Susan Johnson	Debra Perry
Newcastle	Rich Crispo	Carol Simpson
Normandy Park	Michelle Sipes-Marvin	Jonathan Chicquette
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing
Pacific	Leanne Guier	David Storaasli
Redmond	Hank Margeson	John Stilin
Renton	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
Sammamish	Christie Malchow	Bob Keller
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Keith Scully
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Brad Toft	Matt Larson
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Thomas McLeod
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders
SCA Deanna Dawson Caitlin Magee Brian Parry Ella Williams Cynthia Foley Ellie Wilson-Jones		

Voting members are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.