



SCA Public Issues Committee Minutes

February 6, 2013 – 7:00 PM
Renton City Hall Conferencing Center
1055 S. Grady Way - Renton, WA 98057

1. Welcome and Roll Call and Introduction of Members

Mia Gregerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Twenty-eight cities had representation. See [Attachment A](#) to these minutes. Guests present were: Brock Deady; Mark Isaacson, King County Water and Land Resources Division Director; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office; Tim LaPorte, Kent Public Works Director; Mike Mactutis, Kent Environmental Engineering Manager; Kjris Lund, King County Flood Control District Executive Director.

2. Approval of the January 9, 2013 Minutes

Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, moved, seconded by Marlla Mhoon, Covington, to approve the January 9, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

Chair Gregerson reported that the SCA orientation was very well run and enjoyable and she liked the format of the meeting. The chair also shared with PIC members the opportunity to take an FBI – electeds citizens' academy class. As of February 15, the class was full; for information on future classes go to www.fbi.gov/seattle/news-and-outreach/in-your-community.

4. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, handed out an update on city actions regarding the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement (ILA), briefings and Statements of Intent, dated February 6, 2013. Many cities have approved the ILA, and several have said they anticipate approving it. ED Dawson reported that Bellevue is the only city that has conveyed that they have issues with the ILA.

ED Dawson distributed a letter many city mayors have signed regarding transportation funding options. She also handed out a brochure: [Moving Ahead Together](#). Sound Cities Association, City of Seattle, and King County have joined together request a new set of local transportation funding tools from the Washington State Legislature. It is important that we are all speaking from the same page in communicating the need to invest now in our local transportation infrastructure.

ED Dawson gave an update on the website; it will be live later this week and SCA will be providing a media release. The website will include a calendar of all meetings, information for all meetings and will include the ability to register and pay for dinners online. It will also have

a member's only portal that will include training materials. Remember to "Like SCA" on Facebook, and follow SCA on Twitter!

SCA's next Networking Dinner is on February 20th. King County Councilmember Jane Hague and the new District 1 Councilmember (Rod Dembowski) will be our speakers.

ED Dawson reported that she will be participating on a Health and Human Services Transformation Panel – how to ensure health and human services in King County are integrated. She will report back to the PIC on the Panel's recommendations.

5. Recommendation from the PIC Nominating Committee

Mayor Jim Haggerton, Tukwila moved, seconded by Hank Margeson, Redmond, to recommend that the SCA Board of Directors recommend to the King County Executive 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.

6. SCA Potential Position Regarding South County Transfer Station

Mayor Pete Lewis, Auburn, moved, seconded by Kingston Wall, Snoqualmie, to table as submitted. The motion passed. Redmond, Bothell, Duvall, Newcastle, Tukwila, Maple Valley, Kirkland, Shoreline voted no.

There was a discussion of the appropriateness of having had this specific siting issue on SCA's agenda for potential action. Hank Margeson of Redmond expressed concern that SCA was used as a wedge in this matter. Mayor Lewis noted a previous occasion when a city, Maple Valley, had a difficult time with King County; they brought their issue to the cities through SCA and because the cities were able to work together, Maple Valley gained assistance that was beneficial for their city. Mayor Lewis stated that this is one of the strengths of the Sound Cities Association; all cities standing together to help a city.

7. Report on Third Party Review of the Briscoe-Desimone Levee

Kjris Lund, Executive Director of the King County Flood Control District, presented on the decision process related to the Briscoe-Desimone Levee (108th to 200th Street along the Green River). Lund reviewed the two proposals to address the final design and the assumptions between two different design proposals (Kent Levee Setback with Wall and King County Long – Term Vision of Setback Levee). Lund gave an overview of the third party report analyzing the two proposals.

There were questions about insurance rates and the loss of developable land in Kent. There was also a question about overall flood protection; would these fixes protect the Valley from flooding? In response to a question about process, Kjris Lund said the draft third party report will be final on February 7, 2013 when it is presented to the King County Flood Control District Board.

There was a discussion as to why the proposals didn't go to the Flood Control District Advisory Committee ahead of going to the Board. Kjris Lund explained the Board decides what to send to the committee; budget items are the only items *required* to be vetted there. There was additional discussion about specific issues with the report and the intent of a \$7 million grant for the project.

After further discussion about the role of the Advisory Committee and the desire of the PIC members to have this item go back to the Advisory Committee for consideration, Kjris Lund stated she will carry the message back to the King County Flood Control District Board.

8. Regional Transit Committee Update to the Strategic Plan and Guidelines

Monica Whitman, Senior Policy Analyst, discussed work the Regional Transit Committee's SCA caucus is doing in preparation for an update to the strategic plan. SCA's RTC caucus held a meeting, analyzing twelve questions, and did a ranking process. The top 3 areas are: (1) How will Metro adequately address local jurisdictions exiting transit needs; (2) How are jurisdiction plans reflected in transit plans?; and (3) How can the methodology in the Guideline be easier to understand?

The RTC is structuring their February 20, 2013 workshop based on the SCA RTC Caucus's workshop held in Kirkland in January. Whitman will be working with King County staff to help with communication efforts. The timeline regarding the strategic plan update is as follows: it will be transmitted to the King County Council in April with a final vote anticipated in August.

Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way, suggested the next workshop be in South King County. Whitman noted the RTC caucus encourages all comments, suggestions, and questions from PIC members regarding the Strategic Plan Update.

9. Proposal for an Economic Development Subcommittee

Jamie Perry, Kent, discussed how the idea of an economic development subcommittee came about and asked members what they would like to see for this committee. The purpose is to add value to our members and we have heard that our members want more help in economic development.

There was discussion about what SCA could be doing to further economic development. A question was raised about whether the committee's work would be duplicative. ED Dawson assured the group that this is not intended to be duplicative; but rather, would be a complement to and in coordination with the efforts of other organizations. There was a discussion about the lack of existing substantive economic development positions at SCA and the potential need for additional positions. There was general interest in such a subcommittee to support SCA cities.

Members who expressed interest in participating on the subcommittee include: Deputy Mayor Mia Gregerson, SeaTac; Councilmember Tana Senn, Mercer Island; Councilmember Erin Weaver, Maple Valley; Mayor Becky Olness, Black Diamond; and Mayor Liz Reynolds, Enumclaw.

10. Potential Items Coming Before the PIC in 2013

Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reviewed a list of potential items coming before the PIC in 2013 and requested feedback from PIC members. Whitman encouraged members to contact her directly at monica@soundcities.org or 206-433-7169.

11. Information Item – Single Adult Shelter Task Force – CEH

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, provided a briefing on this item. Members engaged in a discussion of the need for homeless services in the suburbs and a need to look at data in

more detail. There was also reference made to a Brookings Institute study on the suburbanization of poverty, <http://ctod.info/assets/0330jobsprawlstollraphael.pdf>.

There was a discussion about homeless veterans and actions being taken to support veterans. King County Executive Constantine has a new initiative connecting veterans to services, <http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/news/release/2013/February/04veteransinitiative.aspx>. Auburn is working with the Veteran's Administration on a veterans and human services center. There was a discussion of the challenges of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness related to the need for mental health housing and transitional housing.

12. Upcoming Events

- a) Next SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – note change – 1st Wednesday in March March 6, 2013 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall
- b) SCA Networking Dinner – February 20, 2013, 5:30 PM at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila
- c) March SCA Networking Dinner – March 20, 2013, 5:30 PM at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila

For the Good of the Order

Councilmember Barre Seibert, Clyde Hill, provided an update on the Small Cities Subcommittee. Councilmember Seibert noted that the Pre-PIC meeting at 6PM was well attended and that there was a strong indication there is value to the small cities to get together on a regular basis. The group came up with a number of good suggestions for how to move forward in the future.

Andy Rheume, Bothell stated that it is important that PIC collaborates, however, in the case of the South County Transfer Station; the PIC never had an opportunity to discuss the issue, not once. He suggested the PIC adopt a policy; if an issue is on the agenda, the PIC should talk about it, not just keep tabling it.

There was a discussion regarding the siting of another facility in the near term as King County Solid Waste Division searches for a replacement for the Houghton Transfer Station in Kirkland. Members questioned, "Does the Transfer Station Plan continue to meet the needs of the county as a whole?" There was interest expressed in having something come to MSWAC, specifically more information about siting process for replacement of Houghton station.

Members had further discussion regarding the way in which the item regarding siting of the South Transfer Station had come before the PIC. Hank Margeson of Redmond expressed concerns that PIC was not given opportunity to debate the issue, or to take a broader policy position of the transfer station plan. Chris Roberts, Shoreline, noted that his council had directed him to abstain regarding the South County Transfer Station policy as Shoreline felt it was not appropriate to weigh in on one specific site in South King County; they didn't want to be put in a situation where they would have to choose between sites.

Pete Lewis, Auburn, agreed that the larger matter needs to be discussed.

Henry Sladek, Skykomish, mentioned that it is better to have a policy conversation earlier rather than to protect specific sites. Jim Haggerton, Tukwila, stated that when issues like this come up, we work through them and come out stronger as an organization. The PIC

expressed interest in having a broader policy position on reexamining the transfer station plan come before the PIC at the next meeting.

Jamie Perry, Kent, suggested that the PIC take a position on a new policy related to the way issues move through the Flood Control District Advisory Committee, versus the Executive Committee. There was a discussion as to whether such guidance should also apply to other committees such as the RPC. It was agreed that in March staff would bring back a proposed policy position that sets out how issues move through the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee and then to the King County Flood Control Board.

Pete Lewis, Auburn, said that he did not want boards to revert to acting as briefing boards. He suggested coming back with a position regarding how SCA's role on specific boards and committees, starting with Flood Control District Advisory Committee and then, how King County and Sound Cities Association will work together in the future.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**2013 Roll Call – Public Issues Committee Meeting
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City	Representative	Alternate	Other	Staff
Algona	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn		
Auburn	Pete Lewis	Nancy Backus	Bill Peloza	
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider	Tom Stowe		
Black Diamond	Rebecca Olness		Carol Benson Tamie Deady	
Bothell	Andy Rheaume	Tom Agnew		
Burien	Jerry Robison	Bob Edgar		
Carnation	Jim Berger			
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin		
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto		
Des Moines	Matt Pina	Melissa Musser		
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof		
Enumclaw	Liz Reynolds			
Federal Way	Jeanne Burbidge			
Hunts Point	Fred McConkey			
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Paul Winterstein		
Kenmore	David Baker			
Kent	Jamie Perry	Dennis Higgins		
Kirkland	Toby Nixon	Amy Walen		
Lake Forest Park	Sandy Koppenol	Tom French		
Maple Valley	Layne Barnes	Erin Weaver		
Mercer Island	Tana Senn	Bruce Bassett		
Milton	Jim Manley	Debra Perry		
Newcastle	Lisa Jensen	Rich Crispo		
Normandy Park	Shawn McEvoy	Susan West	Doug Osterman	
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing		
Pacific	Leanne Guier	John Jones		
Redmond	Hank Margeson	John Stilin		
Renton	Rich Zwicker	Ed Prince		
Sammamish	Tom Odell	Ramiro Valderrama	Don Gerend	
SeaTac	Mia Gregerson	Tony Anderson		
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Chris Eggen		
Skykomish	Henry Sladek			
Snoqualmie	Matt Larson	Kingston Wall		
Tukwila	Jim Haggerton	Kate Kruller		
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders		
SCA				Deanna Dawson Monica Whitman Doreen Booth

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