



SCA Public Issues Committee Minutes

January 9, 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-seven cities had representation. See [Attachment A](#) to these minutes. Guests present include: Councilmember Paul Winterstein, Issaquah; Councilmember Doug Osterman, Normandy Park & WRIA 9 Coordinator; Councilmember John Stilin, Redmond; Councilmember Don Gerend, Sammamish; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office; and Kimberly Matej, Tukwila Government Relations Manager.

Chair Gregerson welcomed SCA's two newest member cities: Mercer Island, represented by Councilmember Tana Senn; and Carnation, represented by Mayor Jim Berger. She also welcomed 2013 PIC Vice-Chair, Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville.

Chair Gregerson invited members to introduce themselves and to share some of the reasons they choose to serve on the PIC. Several members spoke about the value of networking with other City Councilmembers and Mayors; finding solutions to common problems; the ability to discuss and have an impact on issues of regional importance; and the opportunity to share the latest information on regional plans and policies with their councils.

2. Approval of the December 12, 2012 Minutes

Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Dave Hill, Algona, to approve the December 12, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

Chair Gregerson proposed moving Item 8, SCA Potential Position Regarding South County Transfer Station, to the February agenda. Pete Lewis, Auburn, the author of Item 8, was unable to attend the meeting. ED Dawson noted there would not be a negative impact as the Board of Directors would not be meeting before February. Dave Hill, Algona, moved, seconded by Ross Loudanback, North Bend, to move Item 8 to the February 6, 2013 meeting of the PIC. The motion passed. Redmond, Shoreline, and Kirkland voted no.

Chair Gregerson restated the Sound Cities Mission and Vision Statement. In an effort to be transparent and to ensure that all members know how the PIC operates, Chair Gregerson also gave a brief overview of the PIC operating policies and procedures, highlighting: the membership, meeting schedule, quorum and voting rights, and agenda development. She outlined how issues are brought forward to the PIC and how the process works to move an issue forward. She also reviewed how PIC subcommittees are appointed.

Chair Gregerson reported that since the last meeting, the North and Snoqualmie Valley caucus met to elect their 2013 Board representatives. She congratulated Snoqualmie Mayor Matt Larson and Kirkland Councilmember Bob Sternoff on their reappointments to the SCA Board of Directors.

4. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, explained that in an effort to be more efficient and to optimize resources, minutes will be taken by SCA policy staff at tonight's meeting.

ED Dawson shared with the PIC the work of the January 4, 2013 SCA Board retreat. The current Board leadership was re-elected for a second term: President Denis Law, Mayor of Renton; Vice President Bob Sternoff, Kirkland Councilmember, Treasurer Don Gerend, Sammamish Councilmember; Director-at-Large Jamie Perry, Kent Councilmember;

In response to feedback from individual SCA caucuses, the Board confirmed SCA's focus on specific areas including: transportation funding, economic development, onerous public records requests, and improving engagement with constituents.

The Board will also continue to focus on communications and outreach, member recruitment and retention, and building organizational infrastructure in 2013. 2013 Goals established by the Board include: launch of the new website, development of a social media presence, more communication of policy positions to regional leaders, increased income, retention of all current members, enhanced technology for staff, seek technology partnerships, and ensure that SCA has a financial policy regarding operating reserves.

ED Dawson spoke about a number of upcoming issues, including the levies that will be before voters in 2013, including: levies for Parks, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and potentially Human Services. SCA will be seeking feedback from PIC members on levy priorities and will likely hold a workshop on levies to help cities get the information they need to be able to establish those priorities.

ED Dawson also gave an update on Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) consolidation. The report has been delayed. There were inaccuracies in the first draft that are being addressed by GeoComm Consultants. The county is engaging a facilitator for the PSAP consolidation discussion. Each PSAP will be asked to provide a representative for those discussions. It was noted that the Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee is working on adding PSAP consolidation to their agenda. SCA staff will follow up with the committee chair.

5. Small Cities Committee Update

ED Dawson met with Dave Hill, Algona, and Barre Seibert, Clyde Hill, regarding the Small Cities Subcommittee. ED Dawson gave an overview of the history of the Small Cities Subcommittee. There was a discussion regarding the definition of a small city. Generally, small cities self-identify as 15,000 or less. All cities are welcome to participate.

Dave Hill, Algona, stated, the intent of the committee is to share information and have a chance to interact. Barre Seibert, Clyde Hill, noted that they would like to have attendance from new city representatives as well. The Small Cities Subcommittee will be meeting prior to

the February 6, 2013 PIC meeting, at 6:00 PM, to discuss how SCA can continue to support small cities and the forum for future meetings.

6. Public Policy Position Regarding Public Records Request

Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Shawn McEvoy, Normandy Park, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that:

SCA is committed to open and transparent government and to upholding the intent of the Public Records Act. SCA supports the legislative efforts of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and others to help relieve the onerous cost burdens associated with Public Records Requests that are harassing, frivolous, or overly burdensome.

Hank Margeson, Redmond suggested that a set of best practices regarding public records request be created. There was a discussion about 2013 public records legislation and Toby Nixon, Kirkland, provided information about an upcoming bill. The primary bill being brought forward will have two parts, 1) agencies will have the ability to get an injunction; and 2) it will contain a safe harbor provision, if a city were to devote a certain portion of their budget to public disclosure requests, then they would be deemed safe from financial penalties.

UPDATED INFORMATION: AWC is focusing its advocacy on two bills in the current legislative session. Information on both can be found at <http://www.awcnet.org/LegislativeAdvocacy/BillTracker.aspx>.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Policy Recommendation from the PIC Watershed Investment District (WID) Subcommittee

Andy Rheame, Bothell, gave a report back from the PIC WID subcommittee. In December, the PIC approved bringing back the following position; that SCA support a study by the Washington State Legislature on the concept of a watershed investment authority.

The subcommittee met with Representative Larry Springer to consult with him on the process moving forward. Representative Springer is very supportive of the strategy and said that convening a broad stakeholder group is a strategy that has worked well in the past. He offered to work with his caucus on the idea of convening such a group to work towards drafting a consensus bill prior to the 2014 legislative session. Representative Springer also offered to talk to Representative Pat Sullivan, who has a leadership role in the House. He will help SCA determine where the best place in the legislature is for this task and how to best accomplish it. Subcommittee members are in agreement that the main focus of a stakeholder group should be funding sources and governance structure. As a result, the subcommittee recommended a friendly amendment to the existing policy position, to include the formation of a stakeholder group rather than a study bill.

Andy Rheame, Bothell, moved, seconded by Hank Margeson, Redmond, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that:

SCA supports the formation of a stakeholder group by the Washington State Legislature, as the means to reach consensus on bill language regarding watershed investment authorities, to be introduced in the 2014 legislative session.

Shoreline raised a concern about the creation of another junior taxing district and discussion of the need for a dedicated funding source. There was a general discussion about the remarkable work performed by WRIA 9 and the value of making this a more regional effort.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Potential Action on South County Transfer Station

This item was previously moved to the February 6, 2013 meeting agenda – see Chair’s Report.

9. Update on Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

ED Dawson asked if there were any remaining questions regarding the Solid Waste ILA. All cities have received a copy of the ILA. She spoke to staff at a number of cities and will be speaking to more cities. She reiterated that she and county staff are available to come speak at any city’s council meeting. ED Dawson also reminded members that the county is asking cities to sign a non-binding statement of interest by January 31st.

There was a discussion about King County’s outreach efforts on the ILA and appreciation expressed for the work accomplished by SCA on the interlocal. ED Dawson encouraged members to look at the new ILA compared to the existing version to see the benefits, particularly the additional protection afforded to cities in the liabilities section.

10. Upcoming Events

- a) Next SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – February 6, 2013, 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall - note date change – first Wednesday
- b) 2013 SCA Committee Appointee Orientation – January 23, 2013, 6:30 PM at SeaTac City Hall Council Chambers – ED Dawson encouraged all PIC members to come as issues that are discussed will likely come to the PIC at some point.

For the Good of the Order

Hank Margeson, Redmond, announced that on January 25th at 1:30 AM, the One Night Homeless Count will be held in a number of cities. He encouraged all members to participate. It is eye opening seeing the face of homelessness in our cities. To find out more, go to http://www.homelessinfo.org/one_night_count/.

Dave Hill, Algona, reminded members to send staff high resolution pictures for the SCA web site.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**2013 Roll Call – Public Issues Committee Meeting
January 9, 2013**

City	Representative	Alternate	Other	Staff
Algona	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn		
Auburn	Pete Lewis	Nancy Backus	Bill Peloza	
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider			
Black Diamond	Rebecca Olness			
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 Vance	Tom Odell	Don Gerend	
SeaTac	Mia Gregerson	Tony Anderson		
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Chris Eggen		
Skykomish	Henry Sladek			
Snoqualmie	Kingston Wall	Matt Larson		
Tukwila	Jim Haggerton	Kate Kruller		Kimberly Matej
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders		
SCA				Deanna Dawson Monica Whitman Doreen Booth

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