



## **SCA Public Issues Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**April 11, 2018 – 7:00 PM**

**Renton City Hall**

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

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

PIC Chair Council President Ed Prince, Renton, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 31 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue (PIC Alternate); Mayor John Chelminiak, Bellevue; Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell (PIC Alternate); Doug Levy, City of Renton lobbyist; Jenny Huston, King County Executive's Office Staff; Alex Herzog, City of Woodinville Staff; Mayor Kim Lisk, Carnation; Michael Huddleston, King County Council Staff; Councilmember Matt Mahoney, City of Des Moines.

#### **2. Public Comment**

Chair Prince asked if any member of the public would like to provide any public comment. Seeing none, Chair Prince closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

#### **3. Approval of the March 14, 2018 Minutes**

Chair Prince noted that two corrections to the minutes were provided by Deputy Mayor Austin Bell, Burien.

**Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond moved, seconded by Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, to approve the March 14, 2018 PIC minutes.**

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

Chair Prince reported that Mayor Amy Ockerlander of Duvall had been serving as the 2018 Snoqualmie Valley Representative to the PIC Nominating Committee. Mayor Ockerlander stepped down from PIC, so there was a vacancy on the Nominating Committee. According to the SCA bylaws, the PIC Chair appoints to the nominating committee. He appointed Councilmember Ross Loudonback of North Bend to fill this vacancy, noting his past experience on the committee.

Chair Prince noted that the recently scheduled 'State of the County Address' was cancelled. However, several SCA members were able to meet with the County Executive where priorities discussed included a public health approach to juvenile justice services. He noted that SCA also representatives met with County Executive the next day, and the group discussed mobility planning efforts at King County Metro and One Table.

He also noted that 33 cities have signed on to support Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Interested cities can contact SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson.

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

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson informed PIC members about an upcoming Partner Forum for SCA members, Recycling Revisited: How China's new restrictions on imported recyclable materials impact our region, Friday, April 27, 2018, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Mercer Island Community Center.

## **6. Regional Transit Committee Appointment**

PIC Nominating Committee Chair Leanne Guier reported that the committee met on April 6, 2018, and recommended the appointment of Councilmember Dennis Higgins, Kent to fill a vacancy on the Regional Transit Committee.

**Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors the appointment of Councilmember Dennis Higgins, Kent, to the Regional Transit Committee.**

Dawson noted there was also an opening on the Interjurisdictional Staff Team, and there will be a call for nominations for a seat on the Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force.

## **7. School Siting: Best Practices for Collaboration**

SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry reported on Motion 18-1 under consideration at the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) encouraging jurisdictions to work with local school districts to ensure new schools can be located within the Urban Growth Area.

Parry said the GMPC recently heard presentations from cities and school districts on best practices to improve collaboration between local school districts, cities, and the county, and that Motion 18-1 looks to document these discussions. He said the motion does not change the Countywide Planning Policies or otherwise create a requirement for cities to take specific actions, but that they are intended to be guidelines that cities are encouraged to explore with districts serving their residents.

He said the recommendations include: working with school districts to identify suitable public or privately-owned properties for schools; considering more flexible development regulations to develop challenging sites; allowing schools in more zoning classifications; exploring permit processing improvements; partnering to address community impacts through Transportation Demand Management, encouraging more non-motorized transportation to schools, and improving pathway connections to schools.

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, said it is difficult to find sites for schools, and noted that King County does not allow schools outside of the Urban Growth Area even when the site is immediately adjacent to a city.

Councilmember Linda Johnson, Maple Valley, noted how difficult it is for school districts to find large enough parcels to develop schools within the city.

Councilmember John Stokes, Bellevue, said that he supported the goals of Motion 18-1, and that building a good working relationship with school districts is important to resolving siting issues.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, noted that schools are being built with much higher capacity than in the past, and that the needs of the schools and the impacts on the surrounding community are different accordingly.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, said that there are still options to move lands within the UGA through King County's four-to-one program for development, including schools. He also noted that the actions identified in Motion 18-1 were primarily for cities and the county, and that he would have liked to see more actions identified that school districts could take.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, said that he was pleased to see PIC focused on school siting, and noted that the needs for school districts are changing, and that there should also be some evolution in how school facilities can be used by the public outside of the regular school day.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, noted that some cities and school districts work together to share school ball fields as local parks, and that having ball fields at schools provide important recreation spaces for the general public.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, agreed with Backus that it is important to explore creative ideas for school property use, and added that some jurisdictions are working on programs to include teacher housing as part of developing new schools.

## **8. Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy**

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, provided an overview of the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) approved by voters in November 2017 to replace the expiring Veterans and Human Services Levy and an update on implementation of the VSHSL. The new VSHSL adds seniors as a focus population and is also a substantial expansion, with \$53.3 million in collections anticipated for 2018 compared to \$18.6 million in 2017 under the former levy. Wilson-Jones highlighted Table 1 and Table 2, on pages [28](#) and [29](#), of the PIC Packet, which demonstrate how levy funds would be allocated in 2018 and in 2019 based on estimated levy collections and the requirements of the VSHSL ballot measure ordinance approved by voters.

The ballot measure continued programs funded under the former levy at their 2017 levels into 2018, and a Transition Plan, approved in December 2017, further specified 2018 investments, including additional funding for housing stability, senior centers, and technical assistance and capacity building. Ongoing VSHSL planning work includes finalization of a Governance Plan to guide oversight of the levy and review of an Implementation Plan to guide levy investments for 2019 through the end of the levy in 2023. Both plans are under consideration by the Regional Policy Committee (RPC), on which SCA is represented.

The Governance Plan, discussed in more detail beginning on [page 30 of the PIC Packet](#), has been through several versions beginning with a proposal for a three-board structure from the

Executive; then amendment by the RPC to create a fourth board focused on housing stability, intended to ensure coordination of housing investments; and now a version passed by the King County Council's Health, Housing and Human Services Committee that consolidates oversight into a single board to oversee the full levy. This version, which also incorporates feedback provided by SCA RPC members, is scheduled to be taken up by the RPC on April 18. Under the single-board format, SCA would have three advisory board seats, to be filled by non-elected officials. Under the oversight structure for the former levy, SCA was not represented.

The RPC will also be taking up the Implementation Plan for the levy over the next two to three months. Under the Executive's proposed Implementation Plan, the VSHSL would utilize a results based accountability framework focused on five results areas: housing stability, financial stability, social engagement, healthy living, and system access and improvement. For each result area, there are four to eight strategies proposed that would each serve some or all of the three focus populations. Collectively, there are 67 strategies and sub-programs proposed, as summarized in [Attachment A on page 33 of the PIC Packet](#).

Wilson-Jones encouraged members and their staff to review the draft Implementation Plan and to follow up with any questions as well as with feedback, which will be carried forward to SCA members serving on the RPC.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, requested a corrected link to the draft Governance Plan. (*Note: The draft Governance Plan can be downloaded [here](#). Alternatively, as of April 12, the plan could also be found as "A. Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Governance Plan..." (item two) in the list of attachments [here](#).)*

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, noted that levy staff recently presented on the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy in North Bend. The presenters said that the Implementation Plan was still under development and that recommended changes should be shared with King County Councilmembers for their consideration during the legislative process. Loudonback added that regional equity was discussed and that the current methodology of tracking service utilization, across areas spanning multiple zip codes, does not provide sufficient detail to ensure regional equity.

Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, serves on the Regional Policy Committee and thanked SCA staff for working to ensure SCA member feedback was incorporated into the latest version of the Governance Plan.

Councilmember John Stokes, Bellevue, serves on the Regional Policy Committee and spoke to the impact SCA members had on shaping oversight for the levy. He noted that several iterations of the Governance Plan have been considered and that the current draft strikes a good balance to ensure coordination and accountability for levy investments.

## **9. Regional Centers**

SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry provided an update on the Regional Centers policies adopted at the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Board. He said the policies

adopted by the Executive Board followed the recommendations of the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board as discussed at the Public Issues Committee in March.

He said that all of the currently designated regional centers are still designated as centers, but are required to plan under the new standards as part of the next round of comprehensive plan updates. In addition, counties are now encouraged to designate smaller, “countywide centers,” consistently across the region when they next updated their Countywide Planning Policies. New policies were also adopted to encourage protecting additional manufacturing lands in emerging job centers that would not have met the minimum job total threshold under existing policies. Regional Centers will also be required to meet new planning requirements related to access to transit; affordable housing and displacement of affordable housing; walkability; and the mix of housing and jobs in each center. Other changes are highlighted in the [March 2018 PIC Packet](#).

Councilmember Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, noted it is difficult to bring together the interests of all of the counties and cities in the region and thanked staff for their efforts.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, agreed with Stanford and said that it is important to build bridges around the region to make important changes. He said he was at the Executive Board meeting and noted that some of the discussions were very contentious and that having relationships with other county and city leaders in the region would be help work through challenging issues.

#### **10. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County**

SCA Senior Policy Analyst Brian Parry reported on levies and ballot measures in King County. He said the next election would take place on April 24, and noted that the City of Kent will be considering a ballot measure to raise utility taxes to fund law enforcement operations. Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, asked for additional information about the affordable housing and related services sales tax listed in the staff report as a potential ballot measure in 2019. Parry clarified that the item referred to the .1% sales tax authorized under state law and that there was not currently a proposal that has been put forward by King County.

Councilmember Sue Ann Hohimer, Normandy Park, asked for additional information about the Seattle Families and Education Levy. Parry said that the levy is set to expire at the end of 2018, and that a [levy planning committee](#) recently began meeting to consider options for renewal.

Councilmember John Stokes, Bellevue, said that King County Executive Dow Constantine recently held a meeting with members of the Land Conservation Advisory Committee and that a decision has been made to postpone any proposal to increase the Conservation Futures Levy to add funding to the Land Conservation Initiative.

#### **11. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues**

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson invited feedback on future topics for PIC meetings and pre-PIC Workshops.

The May and June pre-PIC workshops have been scheduled, leaving four additional workshops for 2019. Members expressed interest in a mix of workshops on substantive topics, and

trainings. Based on feedback from members, staff will focus on scheduling two trainings (one on social media plus one additional topic dependent on availability of presenters and topics at the AWC conference in June), and two workshops on substantive topics. Members expressed strongest interest on VISION 2050 and Emergency Management as topics, with the caveat that additional topics may come up as the year progresses.

Councilmember Nixon said that he would be interested in a discussion of the Medic One/EMS levy and that it is important for elected officials to participate in the levy planning process. Parry noted that an information item about the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services Levy can also be found in the [March 2018 PIC Packet](#), and that staff may bring back this topic later in the year.

Councilmember Nixon added that PIC may want to consider discussing the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN).

## **12. Informational Item**

PIC Chair noted the informational item on the West Point Treatment Plant.

## **13. Upcoming Events**

Chair Prince reported that there will be an SCA Partner Forum on Recycling Revisited on April 27, 2018 at the Mercer Island Community Center. He also noted that the next SCA Public Issues Committee meeting is on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at Renton City Hall. The next SCA Networking Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 featuring Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson at the Inglewood Golf & Country Club.

## **14. For the Good of the Order**

Chair Prince asked if PIC members have anything to report for Good of the Order.

Councilmember Margeson asked if Mayor Baker, Kenmore, would share stories from his recent trip to Indiana. Mayor Baker shared that he recently met siblings for the very first time in Indiana, which was also profiled in a [King 5 news story](#).

Dawson asked that members please be sure to RSVP for PIC meetings. She also reminded members to request a printed copy of meeting materials in advance if they would like to have a hard copy.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, reported that the King County Inquest Process Review Committee Report is [available online](#). He noted that the committee met over three months to consider changes to inquest process to review police shootings. He recommended reading the report.

Chair Prince noted that on Wednesday we remembered Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and encouraged PIC members to continue efforts in support of inclusivity.

Dawson added that equity and inclusion are a priority for 2018 SCA President Amy Walen, and that SCA would welcome feedback on how the organization can be more inclusive.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, reported that inaugural match of the Seattle Seawolves Major League Rugby franchise will take place on April 22 at Starfire Stadium in Tukwila.

**15. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting  
April 11, 2018**

<b>City</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Algona	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
<b>Auburn</b>	Nancy Backus	John Holman
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Aletha Howes
<b>Bellevue</b>	John Stokes	Janice Zahn
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
<b>Bothell</b>	James McNeal	Davina Duerr
<b>Burien</b>	Austin Bell	Nancy Tosta
<b>Carnation</b>	Dustin Green	Kim Lisk
<b>Clyde Hill</b>	Barre Seibert	George Martin
<b>Covington</b>	Fran Hollums	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.
<b>Des Moines</b>	Traci Buxton	Matt Mahoney
<b>Duvall</b>	Michelle Hogg	Jennifer Knaplund
<b>Enumclaw</b>	Anthony Wright	Mike Sando
<b>Federal Way</b>	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Martin Moore
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	Chris Reh
<b>Kenmore</b>	David Baker	Nigel Herbig
<b>Kent</b>	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
<b>Kirkland</b>	Toby Nixon	Jay Arnold
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
<b>Maple Valley</b>	Sean Kelly	Linda Johnson
<b>Medina</b>	Sheree Wen	Alex Morcos
<b>Mercer Island</b>	Benson Wong	Tom Acker
Milton	Shanna Styron Sherrell	Mary Tompkins
<b>Newcastle</b>	Allen Dauterman	Carol Simpson
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Jonathan Chicquette
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudenback	Jonathan Rosen
<b>Pacific</b>	Leanne Guier	David Storaasli
<b>Redmond</b>	Hank Margeson	Angela Birney
<b>Renton</b>	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
<b>Sammamish</b>	Christie Malchow	Pam Stuart
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Keith Scully
<b>Skykomish</b>	Henry Sladek	
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	Katherine Ross	Matt Larson
<b>Tukwila</b>	Kate Kruller	Zac Idan
<b>Woodinville</b>	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders
Yarrow Point	Dicker Cahill	
SCA	Deanna Dawson Cynthia Foley	Brian Parry Ellie Wilson-Jones

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