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## SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

September 20, 2017 10:00 AM  
Tukwila City Hall, Duwamish Conference Room  
6300 Southcenter Boulevard, Tukwila

### 1) Call to Order

President David Baker called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Members Present: David Baker, Denis Law, Leanne Guier, Jeff Wagner, Catherine Stanford, Will Ibershof, Hank Margeson, Dana Ralph, Jim Ferrell, Debbie Tarry

Members Absent: Nancy Backus, Tola Marts, Amy Walen

SCA Staff Present: Brian Parry, Caitlin Magee

### 2) Public Comment

President Baker asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

### 3) Consent Agenda

**Catherine Stanford moved, seconded by Hank Margeson, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

### 4) President's Report

President Baker reported that there was a meeting with King County Executive Dow Constantine. There is going to be a Regional Affordable Housing Task Force meeting this coming Friday. Baker will be speaking with King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci prior to the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force meeting.

### 5) Staff Report

Brian Parry reported that the upcoming Pre-PIC meeting for October will be with Ann McFarlane presenting on how to handle the public comment portions of council meetings.

Parry reported that the 2018 committee appointments call for nominations will be going out in early October. He noted that there are many boards and committees where one or more of the SCA representatives are retiring from public office at the end of the year.

Parry reported that SCA had received a request from a reporter with the Seattle Times to hear from SCA cities about actions they are taking to address the affordable housing crisis in the region.

President Baker reported that the Northlake Lutheran Church in Kenmore is launching a new initiative to aid and shelter local homeless persons and asked Board members about their experience with similar community efforts. Dana Ralph reported that Kent has churches with similar programs where they allow men to stay overnight. Jeff Wagner reported that in Covington, Saint John Baptist Church is allowing the homeless to camp in their vehicles overnight.

## **6) Nominating Committee Report**

**Leanne Guier moved, seconded by Hank Margeson, to appoint Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, to the Children & Youth Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Leanne Guier moved, seconded by Jeff Wagner, to appoint Councilmember Penny Sweet, Kirkland, and Councilmember Phillipa Kassoover, Lake Forest Park, to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **7) Finance Committee Report**

Will Ibershof reported the proposed 2018 budget would be brought before the board following SCA receiving the 2018 medical and retirement rates, and that SCA is on track with its current year budget.

President Baker reported that the Executive Committee needs to have another meeting to bring forth the Executive Directors salary at the October board meeting.

## **8) PIC Chair's Report**

President Baker reported that PIC met on September 13, 2017. Topics included 2018 regional board and committee appointments; Regional Centers; the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy; and Metro's Flat Fare proposal. President Baker reported that Metro's Flat Fare proposal was addressed recently at a meeting with King County Executive Constantine and that there appeared to be broad support for the proposal. Hank Margeson noted that the Metro Flat Fare will benefit riders who commute from outside of Seattle.

Hank Margeson asked for clarification regarding who has authority under state law to place a cultural access levy on the ballot in the future following its failure countywide in August. President Baker stated that the authority to place a measure on the ballot only transferred to cities if the county did not do so by a deadline described in state law.

## **9) City Manager's Report**

Debbie Tarry reported on the September 6, 2017 City Managers & Administrators meeting. Topics included an update from the Association of Washington Cities on the capital budget, an update from King County Assessor John Wilson on the impact of the McCleary decision on property taxes, information from the Public Disclosure Commission on guidelines relating to resident surveys, as well as an introduction of SCA staff.

## **10) Discussion Items**

Brian Parry reported on the 2018 Legislative Committee. At a previous meeting the board agreed to retain the members of the 2017 Legislative Committee with one change due to retirement.

**Jeff Wagner moved, seconded by Dana Ralph, to appoint Mayor David Baker, Kenmore; Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific; Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; and Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall to the 2018 Legislative Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

Brian Parry reported that SCA had a legislative panel for the networking dinner that occurred on September 6, 2017. Catherine Stanford thanked staff for their work coordinating the event.

Parry reported that the SCA Annual Meeting will be held on November 29, 2017 at the Renton Pavilion Event Center. President Baker suggested SCA ask the author of *For the Love of Cities*, Peter Kageyama, to be the keynote speaker if SCA were to cover his travel expenses.

Parry provided a list of retiring elected officials from SCA member cities to consider as potential candidates to be honored by the board as SCA Members Emeritus. Parry provided an overview of the SCA Member Emeritus qualifications per adopted board policies. Parry said that additional information about potential candidates, including any recommendation from PIC members, would be provided at the October board meeting.

Parry reported on upcoming board elections.

Parry asked board members for suggested locations for the December SCA caucus meetings. The board agreed that the locations and format of the 2016 caucus meetings should be repeated in 2017.

## **11) Upcoming Events**

President Baker reported that the Board meetings for the rest of the year will take place on October 18, 2017, November 15, 2017, and December 20, 2017. The meeting on December 20, 2017 may potentially be a telephonic meeting.

President Baker reported that the Annual Meeting will take place on November 29, 2017 at the Renton Pavilion Event Center.

President Baker reported that the South and South Valley Caucus Meeting will take place on December 6, 2017 and the North and Snoqualmie Valley Caucus Meeting will take place on December 7, 2017.

## **12) For the good of the order**

Will Ibershof complimented the Federal Way Performing Arts Center following a recent visit and encouraged board members to visit the spectacular facility. Jim Ferrell said the city was very happy with the quality of the facility.

Ibershof said that he has recently been participating in an effort of the Union Gospel Mission to engage local homeless persons to provide meals and hear about their needs directly. He encouraged other board members to join him on a future evening and offered to help coordinate with those who were interested.

Catherine Stanford reported that the Economic Development District Board, which she chairs, unanimously approved an update to the Regional Economic Strategy. Stanford said that she was especially

proud of the Strategy's focus on equity and the needs of local residents in addition to the industry focus that has traditionally been a part of the Strategy.

Hank Margeson reported that the City of Redmond is working with Puget Sound Energy to replace all of its streetlights with LED's over the next six months. He said the project will pay for itself over time through savings in energy costs. Denis Law and Dana Ralph reported that the Cities of Renton and Kent recently completed similar efforts.

### **13) Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.