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The proposal from KCOEM raised concerns about the proposal potentially leading to cities losing the independent advocacy services provided by the Zone Coordinators and more broadly whether the services cities rely on would truly continue to be provided under the new structure. Parry said some cities have provided feedback that absorbing the work of the Zone Coordinators within existing county staff is a non-starter; meanwhile, others have suggested some openness to restructuring how the positions are managed if safeguards are in place to ensure the work important to cities continues.

Parry asked members to provide feedback to guide SCA representatives on EMAC as they engage in discussions with the county. Members were asked to provide feedback on the current role of zone coordinators within their cities; how important it is for the Zone Coordinators to maintain some independence; and, whether members would be open to a model where the Zone Coordinators become county employees if cities and EMAC have a defined role in developing their workplan and other assurances that they will continue to provide the same level of service to cities.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, said that she would support maintaining the current structure for managing the Zone Coordinators if other cities find that the services provided are valuable to them.

Councilmember Sue-Ann Hohimer, Normandy Park, said Normandy Park values the support provided by their Zone Coordinator and that their police chief works very closely with them.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, said Issaquah sent a letter to the county in support of extending the Zone Coordinator contracts. He said that the city has emergency management staff, but that they rely on the Zone Coordinators as well and value the services they provide.

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, echoed the comments of previous speakers. She said there is value in maintaining some independence for the Zone Coordinators that could be lost if they become directly employed by the county. She said any decision should go through EMAC.

Councilmember Erin Stout, Black Diamond, asked about the timeline for making a decision about the Zone Coordinators. SCA Policy Director Brian Parry said the director of the King County Department of Emergency Management committed to working on the issue with EMAC and cities directly, but that process has not yet been outlined.

Mayor Marianne Klaas, Clyde Hill, said that she serves on EMAC and knows firsthand the importance and scale of work performed by the Zone Coordinators. She said members of EMAC pushed back strongly against eliminating the Zone Coordinator contracts. She said she is

concerned that if the positions are absorbed within the county the voices of cities will be diluted and city needs will not be prioritized.

Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, said that the timing of the decision during a pandemic was concerning. She said Kirkland is fortunate to have full-time emergency management staff and she could support the proposal by King County to perform the Zone Coordinator work with county staff.

Councilmember Michelle Hogg, Duvall, said Duvall's emergency manager is part-time and frequently relies on the Zone Coordinators to provide support, especially during flooding emergencies. She expressed concerns that if the Zone Coordinators are county employees the city would not have the same access to resources to respond during an emergency, communication and coordination would be reduced, and ultimately the positions may be eliminated altogether.

Chair Malchow said there needs to be a defined timeline and process to clarify what is being proposed by the county and that EMAC needs to be part of that discussion. She said that the Zone Coordinators may be less necessary for larger cities who have their own emergency management staff, but that they still play an important role that needs to be maintained.

## **9. Potential Upcoming Issues**

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson said it is becoming increasingly clear that in-person events were likely on hold for the remainder of the year. She said SCA is working on a number of educational and training events to be held in the next several weeks and asked members for their feedback on other events that would be of interest.

Dawson highlighted planned upcoming events for SCA members, including:

- Webinar on providing support for neighborhood businesses as King County transitions to Phase 2 of the reopening plan. Speakers include Seattle Southside Chamber President and CEO Andrea Reay; Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, Division of Occupational Safety and Health Operations Manager Pam Cant; and, Redmond Manager of Strategic Initiatives Sara Pyle. *(The webinar was held on Monday, June 15, 2020 and a recording can be found on the [SCA website.](#))*
- Partners Forum with CenturyLink and Puget Sound Energy on how cities and utilities can partner as we enter economic recovery.
- Webinar with the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center to brief local officials what survivors are experiencing, changing trends, and policy implications resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. The webinar will be provided at two different times on Wednesday, June 17.
- SCA is also working to host:
  - A panel discussion led by African-American elected officials on racial equity;
  - A webinar with King County Metro on the impacts of COVID-19 on service and operations; and
  - A training on how to hold effective online meetings with Ann Macfarlane of Jurassic Parliament.



Dawson highlighted a number of priorities for SCA that were adopted earlier in 2020, including: transportation; budget challenges and infrastructure needs; homelessness; and diversity, equity, and inclusion. She asked members to provide ideas for other topics that SCA should look to support workshops and trainings over the next several months. She said SCA recognizes there are a lot of important conversations that need to happen right now and that these conversations are even more difficult to have in large online meetings where there is limited time for each member to speak, and that members should use SCA as a resource for helping to convene productive meetings.

Deputy Mayor Krystal Marx, Burien, said she appreciates the work SCA is doing to support cities. She said her fellow Burien City Councilmember Nancy Tosta suggested holding a convening to explore opportunities to restructure and improve systems as we approach a “new normal.” She also suggested working with the Board of Health on a presentation on their data dashboard and programs.

Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue, suggested a briefing on a potential federal infrastructure package. She said the Board of Health is considering a proclamation declaring racism a public health crisis and suggested PIC should consider a similar proclamation.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, said diversity, equity, and inclusion should be the top priority. She said communities are struggling with the best and most compassionate way to work through challenging issues and would benefit from learning about successful events, policies, and programs others are organizing.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, thanked Councilmember Zahn for raising the issue of declaring racism a public health crisis. He asked whether members would support bringing an item to the next PIC meeting for potential action and encouraged members to begin having conversations with their councils and mayors.

## **10. City Roundtable Discussion**

Members provided brief updates on some of the important work happening in their cities. Many highlighted efforts to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and its economic impacts; recent demonstrations held in their cities in support of Black Lives Matter; and, community discussions about policing and potential police reforms. Some members asked for more information on the “8 Can’t Wait” police reform proposals, which can be found on their [website](#).

## **11. Informational Items**

Chair Malchow highlighted informational items in the packet on the following topics: the King County Regional Homelessness Authority; the approved SCA COVID-19 anti-bias proclamation; a statement from SCA President Dana Ralph and Vice President Ed Prince condemning racism; and, an update on levies and ballot measures in King County.

## **12. Upcoming Events**

- a. SCA Public Issues Committee – Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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

Chair Malchow asked if any members had any items for the good of the order.

Vice Chair Boyce announced that Councilmember Fran Hollums, Covington, was retiring from public office and recognized her for her contributions to PIC and to the region.

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, said she is impressed by the way cities are working together to address many challenging issues.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, apologized for joining the meeting late due to a conflict with a Youth Council meeting (*Councilmember Kruller joined the meeting during item 10*). She said that she appreciates the camaraderie among cities and that now is a time to listen to the changes people are seeking and find reasonable solutions.

### **14. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting  
June 10, 2020**

<b>City</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Algona	Dave Hill	
<b>Auburn</b>	Nancy Backus	James Jeyaraj
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Aletha Howes
<b>Bellevue</b>	Janice Zahn	Jeremy Barksdale
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Erin Stout	Tamie Deady
<b>Bothell</b>	James McNeal	Tom Agnew
<b>Burien</b>	Krystal Marx	Nancy Tosta
Carnation	Dustin Green	Kim Lisk
<b>Clyde Hill</b>	Marianne Klaas	Kim Muromoto
<b>Covington</b>	Fran Hollums	Joseph Cimaomo
<b>Des Moines</b>	Traci Buxton	
<b>Duvall</b>	Michelle Hogg	Jennifer Knaplund
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Tony Binion
<b>Federal Way</b>	Martin Moore	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	N/A
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	Barbara de Michele
<b>Kenmore</b>	David Baker	Corina Pfeil
<b>Kent</b>	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
<b>Kirkland</b>	Kelli Curtis	Toby Nixon
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Tom French	Semra Riddle
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Les Burberry
<b>Medina</b>	Jennifer Garone	Jessica Rossman
Mercer Island	Benson Wong	David Rosebaum
Milton	Jim Gillespie	Shanna Styron Sherrell
<b>Newcastle</b>	Linda Newing	Tony Ventrella
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Ernest Thompson
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudenback	Heather Koellen
Pacific	Leanne Guier	David Sporaasli
<b>Redmond</b>	Angela Birney	Vanessa Kritzer
<b>Renton</b>	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
<b>Sammamish</b>	Christie Malchow	Kent Treen
<b>SeaTac</b>	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Will Hall
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	Katherine Ross	Matt Larson
<b>Tukwila</b>	Kate Kruller	Thomas McLeod
<b>Woodinville</b>	Elaine Cook	Gary Harris
Yarrow Point	Dicker Cahill	
SCA	Deanna Dawson Brian Parry	Alexis Mercedes Rinck Leah Willoughby

Cities present at the meeting are **bolded**. Voting representatives present are highlighted.

**SCA Public Issues Committee – June 10, 2020**  
**Attachment B – Zoom Meeting Chat Log**

18:52:31 **From Leah (SCA) to James Jeyaraj and all panelists :** Hi James--did you mean to have your hand up? What can I help with?

18:53:25 **From Brian Parry (SCA) to James Jeyaraj and all panelists :** Hi Councilmember Jeyaraj, I see you have your hand up. Can I help you with something?

19:02:05 **From James Jeyaraj to All panelists :** Oh sorry no.

19:02:06 **From Tola Marts, Issaquah to All panelists :** I'm not seeing the raise hand option...

19:03:16 **From Seattle Pride to All panelists :** Krystal Marx - I should be the voting member tonight

19:03:40 **From Marianne Klaas, Clyde Hill to All panelists :** Raised hand shows up when you open Participants option

19:06:02 **From Tola Marts, Issaquah to All panelists :** Saw it now, thx.

19:06:41 **From Vanessa Kritzer to All panelists :** Vanessa Kritzer, Alternate for Redmond Present

19:08:08 **From Jennifer Garone, Medina to All panelists :** Jennifer Garone in Medina joined late

19:08:49 **From Kelsey Beck, Seattle to All panelists :** Just announcing myself as a guest, Kelsey Beck from the City of Seattle. Thank you!

19:11:31 **From Deanna Dawson, SCA :** Thanks Jennifer - we have so noted!

19:17:09 **From Marianne Klaas, Clyde Hill to All panelists :** I screwed up my laptop audit- so joining audio with my phone ending 8910 in case you need to know- Marianne

19:56:22 **From Deanna Dawson, SCA to All panelists :** Martin Moore is on as an attendee - can staff please move him to a panelist

19:56:47 **From Councilmember Martin Moore to All panelists : thanks so much!**