



SCA Public Issues Committee

MINUTES

January 13, 2021 – 7:00 PM

TELEPHONIC

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 34 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)).

Guests present:

Councilmember James Jeyaraj, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Nancy Tosta, Burien (PIC Alternate); Mayor Kimberly Lisk, Carnation (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Barbara de Michele, Issaquah (PIC Alternate); Mayor Benson Wong, Mercer Island (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Pam Fernald, SeaTac (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Bellevue; Councilmember Elizabeth Porter, Covington; Council President Susan Honda, Federal Way; Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah; Council President Victoria Hunt, Issaquah; Councilmember Chris Reh, Issaquah; Councilmember Lindsey Walsh, Issaquah; Councilmember Debra Srebnik, Kenmore; Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent; Councilmember Zandria Michaud, Kent; Councilmember Brenda Fincher, Kent; Mayor Penny Sweet, Kirkland; Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland; Councilmember Neal Black, Kirkland; Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland; Councilmember Jon Pascal, Kirkland; Councilmember Lorri Bodi, Lake Forest Park; Deputy Mayor Dana Parnello, Maple Valley; Councilmember Syd Dawson, Maple Valley; Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island; Councilmember Ariana Sherlock, Newcastle; Councilmember Kim-Khanh Van, Renton; Councilmember Clyde Hill, SeaTac; Mayor Allan Ekberg, Tukwila; Diana Hart, Woodinville staff; Merina Hanson, Kent staff; Doug Levy, Renton consultant; Jenny Huston, King County staff; Tom Goff, King County staff.

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an overview of how the meeting would be facilitated using Zoom Webinar. He noted that any discussion in the chat logs would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes ([Attachment B](#)).

2. Public Comment

Chair Malchow asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment. Hearing none, Chair Malchow closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the December 9, 2020 PIC Minutes

Chair Malchow asked if there were any amendments to the December 9, 2020 PIC minutes.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to

approve the December 9, 2020 minutes. The motion passed 33-0-1. The city of Lake Forest Park abstained.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Malchow welcomed members to the first PIC meeting of 2021. She said that as chair she is committed to PIC continuing to be a venue for cities to respectfully discuss and debate regional issues. She said that the SCA board would be meeting on January 20 and electing SCA leadership for 2021. She encouraged members to reach out to their representatives on the SCA board to build relationships and communicate about important issues.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson noted that later in the agenda an orientation would be held both for PIC members and for SCA regional board and committee appointees, many of whom were in attendance as guests. She asked PIC members to ensure SCA has their correct contact information by sending the best contact method to leah@soundcities.org. PIC members were also asked to be sure to RSVP in advance of meetings to allow staff to provide members with their unique link to join the meetings. Dawson said there was a vacant alternate seat opening for an SCA member on the Emergency Management Advisory Committee and encouraged members to apply. Dawson highlighted ongoing coordination with Public Health – Seattle & King County to address COVID-19. She noted that many cities have offered to assist with vaccinations and to expect upcoming meeting announcements for those who would like to be involved in that effort.

6. 2021 PIC Meeting Schedule

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson provided an overview of the 2021 PIC meeting schedule. The PIC will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Meetings will be held remotely until otherwise stated.

Vice-Chair Councilmember Bill Boyce, Kent, moved, seconded by Councilmember Martin Moore, Federal Way, to approve Resolution 2021-1 setting the 2021 Public Issues Committee schedule ([Attachment C](#)). There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Regional Board and Committee Appointments

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on January 5, 2021 to consider nominations to fill vacant alternate positions on the Regional Water Quality Committee and Joint Recommendations Committee. Following deliberation, the Nominating Committee recommended the following appointments: Councilmember Chris Stearns, Auburn, to fill the vacant alternate position on the Regional Water Quality Committee; and Councilmember Elizabeth Porter, Covington, to fill the vacant alternate position on the Joint Recommendations Committee.

Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to appoint Councilmember Chris Stearns, Auburn, to fill the vacant alternate position on the Regional Water Quality Committee; and Councilmember Elizabeth Porter, Covington, to fill the vacant alternate position on the Joint Recommendations Committee. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. 2021 SCA Legislative Agenda

SCA Policy Analyst Jackie Wheeler presented a [draft 2021 SCA Legislative Agenda](#) that builds on the legislative principles and priorities approved by the SCA Board of Directors at their December meeting as recommended by the SCA Legislative Committee and PIC. She asked PIC members to let staff know if there are any concerns about the one-pager and thanked the committee for their feedback and contributions to the 2021 Legislative Agenda.

Wheeler said that the 2021 Legislative Session officially began on Monday, January 11. Beginning at the February PIC meeting, Candice Bock with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) will be presenting monthly updates to PIC during session.

Wheeler stated that SCA signed on a [letter](#) coordinated by the Keep Washington Rolling coalition urging the Legislature to take action on a transportation package this year. Many individual cities also signed on to this letter. She informed PIC members that the Chair of the House Transportation Committee is hosting stakeholder briefings during the week of January 18 on different transportation initiatives and encouraged members to reach out to SCA staff if they would like more information.

9. King County Health Through Housing Initiative

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on the recently approved countywide one-tenth of a percent sales tax for affordable housing and supportive services to fund the King County Health Through Housing Initiative. The initiative calls for issuing bonds to move quickly to acquire single-room properties impacted by the current economic downturn (such as hotels and assisted living facilities) to house as many as 2,000 chronically homeless persons as well as fund services for those individuals. Beginning in 2022, spending under the initiative will be guided by an Implementation Plan. The ordinance describing the Implementation Plan was referred to the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) where SCA representatives put forward amendments seeking more clarity about consultation with cities, including requiring joint agreement on the location of any new facilities; requiring a plan for communicating with all cities, including partnerships like ARCH and SKHHP; and requiring an annual forecast of dollars going to supportive services and the operational costs of any new facilities. The SCA amendments were included in the ordinance as approved by the RPC. The ordinance now goes to the County Council. If the County Council amends the ordinance, the amended version of the ordinance would then return to RPC for further deliberation.

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, thanked everyone who has participated in discussions about the county's proposal and for their input on the amendments proposed by SCA members at RPC.

10. Emergency Management Zone Coordinators

SCA Analyst Jackie Wheeler reported that SCA representatives to the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) have been engaged in ongoing discussions regarding the roles and responsibilities, oversight, and service model of the Emergency Management Zone Coordinators that provide critical support to cities. At the December 2020 EMAC meeting, the

Director of OEM sought feedback from the committee on draft documents that outlined potential roles and responsibilities for the zone coordinators as well as possible selection and evaluation measures. The committee decided to convene a smaller workgroup of EMAC members and Emergency Managers to work through the details of these proposals and address concerns before bringing back to the full committee for discussion. This workgroup, with representation from the SCA caucus, is scheduled to meet the week of January 11 to work through these details and report back to the full EMAC at their February meeting. To support that work, PIC members are encouraged to provide feedback to SCA staff and EMAC representatives on the role of Zone Coordinators in fulfilling your city's emergency management needs, particularly how the coordinators have served as advocates for your city.

Mayor Marianne Klaas, Clyde Hill, noted that she is an SCA representative on EMAC who is participating in the Zone Coordinator discussions. She said they are working to ensure that cities still see the same benefits of having the support of the Zone Coordinators and that this is not lost in the regional approach. She asked cities to provide examples they have of strong successes with their Zone Coordinators or other useful examples that would assist in conversations with the county.

11. 2021 Preview – Orientation for PIC and Regional Committee Appointees

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson welcomed SCA regional board and committee appointees in attendance to join PIC for a 2021 orientation. Dawson highlighted that an important part of SCA's adopted mission is to provide leadership through advocacy on behalf of all 38 SCA member cities and the more than one million residents they represent. Much of that advocacy comes through the many city elected officials who volunteer their time to serve on regional boards and committees on behalf of SCA. She stressed the importance of working together with fellow cities and the role of regional committee members, PIC, and the SCA board in developing policy.

PIC members were briefed on and discussed a host of issues anticipated to be of particular importance in 2021, including: continuing to respond to COVID-19; economic recovery and ongoing work through the Greater Seattle Partners to develop a [Recovery Framework](#) for the region; service changes at Metro and updates to regional transit plans; updates to the Countywide Planning Policies; affordable housing and homelessness; the Best Starts for Kids levy renewal; the solid waste rate model; reforms at the King County Sheriff's Office; and, equity and inclusion.

12. Informational Items

- a. Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

13. Upcoming Events

- b. SCA Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – 10:00 AM to noon
- c. SCA Racial Equity and Justice Series – Washington Employers for Racial Equity – Friday, January 8, 2021 – 2:30 to 4:00 PM
- d. Lunch with the SCA Board Series – Incoming 2021 SCA President Ed Prince – Friday, January 22, 2021 – Noon to 1:00 PM

- e. Lunch with the King County Council Series – 2021 County Council Chair Claudia Balducci
– Monday, January 25, 2021 – Noon to 1:00 PM
- f. Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

14. For the Good of the Order

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting
January 13, 2020**

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

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Attachment B – Zoom Chat Log

From Sean P. Kelly, Maple Valley to Leah Willoughby (SCA)(Direct Message) : sorry i'm late. to many meeting in one day

From Clyde Hill to All panelists : fwiw, yes... Clyde Hill the person from the Great City of SeaTac :-)

From Christie Malchow, Sammamish to All panelists : Thank you Clyde!

From Traci Buxton, Des Moines to All panelists : Thank you, Ed!

From Ed Prince, Renton to All panelists : Thank you Traci!

From James McNeal to All panelists : Thank you for your leadership on PIC Ed!

From Kate Kruller, Tukwila to All panelists : You are amazing, Ed! Thank you for your great service to SCA-PIC!

From Nancy Backus, Auburn : Ed rocks!

From Ed Prince, Renton to All panelists : Nancy and LeAnne are awesome!

From Ed Prince, Renton to All panelists : The House is limiting members to 7 bills a piece

From Nancy Backus, Auburn : I heard that as well!

From Angela Birney, Redmond to All panelists : WOW

From Deanna Dawson to All panelists : Just a reminder that we'd prefer people share info out loud, rather than in chat, so everyone listening gets same info! Thank you!

From Janice Zahn, Bellevue : https://www.nlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NLC_Survey_November_2020_One_Pager.pdf

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From Krystal Marx, Burien :

https://burienwa.gov/news_events/featured_events/its_a_wonderful_burien_2020

From Angela Birney, Redmond to All panelists : <https://www.redmond.gov/1139/Redmond-Lights>

From Sean P. Kelly, Maple Valley to All panelists : awesome job Christie!

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