



## SCA Public Issues Committee

### MINUTES

April 13, 2022

TELEPHONIC

#### 1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Bill Boyce, Kent, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 30 cities were represented ( [Attachment A](#) ). Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way joined the meeting at 7:31 PM during item 8.

Guests present included Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Rick Shaffer, Duvall (PIC Alternate); Deputy Council President Zach Hall, Issaquah (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Lorri Bodi, Lake Forest Park (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran, Renton (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Kent Treen, Sammamish (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Gene Achziger, Des Moines; Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island; Lacey Jane Wolfe, Bellevue staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond staff; Doug Levy, Renton consultant; Jenny Huston, King County staff; Olivia Robinson, King County staff; Tom Goff, King County Staff; Dorian Waller, King County King County staff; Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, King County staff; Maythia Airhart, 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 Boyce asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment. Seeing none, Chair Boyce closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

#### 3. Approval of the March 9, 2022 PIC Minutes

Chair Boyce asked if there were any amendments to the March 9, 2022 PIC minutes.

**Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo, Covington, moved, seconded by Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, to approve the March 9, 2022 PIC minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### 4. Chair's Report

In the interest of time, Chair Boyce moved to the next item on the agenda.

#### 5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported on the Regional Leadership Conference hosted by the Seattle-Metro Chamber and encouraged members to consider attending future ones. Dawson reported on recent changes to rules relating to in person meetings.

## **6. May 2022 Public Issues Committee Meeting Cancellation**

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson noted that PIC members previously discussed possibly canceling the May PIC meeting.

**Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Traci Buxton, Des Moines, to cancel the May 2022 SCA Public Issues Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **7. PSRC Executive Board Appointment**

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on a vacant position on the PSRC Executive Board.

SCA PIC Nominating Committee Chair Ross Loudonback reported that the PIC Nominating Committee recommended as follows:

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, from alternate to member seat; Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah, from second alternate to alternate seat; and Mayor Rob McFarland, North Bend to second alternate.

**Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, moved, seconded by Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, to recommend to the SCA board appointment of members to the PSRC Executive Board as follows: Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, from alternate to member seat; Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah, from second alternate to alternate seat; and Mayor Rob McFarland, North Bend to second alternate. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **8. Local Actions on Climate Change**

SCA Policy Analyst Kazia Mermel shared resources for cities to address climate change and briefed members on proposals to implement policies contained in HB 1099, which would have added new comprehensive planning requirements related to climate change. Multiple resources are available in the April 13 PIC Packet.

Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, spoke about the work Shoreline is doing to implement their climate action plan and to improve resiliency.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, spoke about the work the Issaquah is doing to address climate impacts from fleet emissions and other sources.

Deputy Mayor Traci Buxton, Des Moines, spoke about the work the city is doing to reduce emissions and to enhance the environmental benefits of public spaces.

Councilmember Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond, spoke about the city's efforts to adopt and implement their climate action plan.

Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, spoke about the work the city is doing to incorporate decarbonization and sustainability into their comprehensive planning.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, suggested cities share their climate action plans to assist each other, and suggested working toward future coordination.

Mayor Armondo Pavone, Renton, spoke about the city's roadmap to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, sustainability, and to prepare for climate change, and how it will impact their upcoming comprehensive plan update.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, spoke about the work the city was doing to involve youth in preserving recreational space.

## **9. Affordable Housing Countywide Planning Policies**

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that the King County Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) is undertaking a review of the housing chapter of the Countywide Planning Policies. The purpose of this review is to consider actions that could be included in the CPP's to refine affordable housing targets with guidance from the Department of Commerce, improve monitoring of policy implementation and progress toward goals, and establish a mechanism for holding jurisdictions accountable to meeting those goals. At its meetings in April and May, the AHC will consider potential accountability framework actions that could be implemented either 1) at the time of comprehensive plan development, or 2) in future years as part of a monitoring and accountability process. Each of these proposals comes with trade-offs in terms of effectiveness, staff resources, local land use authority.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, said that early guidance would be welcome, but asked for more information about the costs and benefits of the other approaches.

Councilmember Paul Charbonneau, Newcastle, said that every city should review their plans and look to make proactive changes needed to promote affordable housing.

Deputy Mayor Traci Buxton, Des Moines, noted the differences in housing markets in the region and the need for resources to implement housing strategies effectively.]

Councilmember Amy Lam, Sammamish, said there should be some consideration given to the resources needed for multiple comprehensive plan reviews through the Puget Sound Regional Council, the WA Department of Commerce, and potentially an added review.

Council Vice President Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond, noted the benefits of the support the city received from the Department of Commerce to develop their affordable housing strategy. She said the city would appreciate learning more about what supportive resources might be available, and to participate in developing the benchmarks to measure progress.

Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, spoke about the city's housing strategy and their recent adoption of affordable housing targets. She noted the need to recognize the different challenges and needs for different solutions as well as the contributions of collaborations such as A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) and South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP).

## **10. Solid Waste and Sewer Rates**

SCA Policy Analyst Kazia Mermel reported King County is in the process of developing 2023 sewer rates and solid waste rates and fees that would take effect January 1, 2023. For the 2023 sewer rate, WTD is recommending a 5.75% increase, increasing the monthly sewer rate to \$52.11. Rate drivers include COVID-19 revenue impacts, high inflation, labor market constraints, reliability investments, regulatory responses, capacity increasing investments, the Clean Water Plan, and climate change.

For the 2023-2024 solid waste rates, the King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) is recommending a rate path that will raise the current per-ton disposal rate by 8.94% for 2023, translating to an additional \$0.89 on the average monthly bill for curbside customers. This increase is slightly lower than was anticipated last year for 2023 (9.40%) due to an underspend in 2021-22 of about \$6 million. In addition to the solid waste fee, SWD is recommending that the yard waste recycling fee increase from the current cost of \$100 per ton to \$115 per ton. These recommended rates are subject to change prior to transmittal to the Executive. SCA staff will provide updates as they are available.

Recently, the King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) evaluated options to restructure the solid waste rate to align the division's revenue model with its strategic goal of eliminating all reusable material from the solid waste stream by 2030. The new rate structure with a fixed charge was adopted by County Council in March of 2022 and has been incorporated into the 2023-2024 solid waste rates proposal.

## **11. Regional Transportation Plan**

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP serves as the region's long-range transportation plan under both federal and state law and was developed to implement VISION 2050, the region's long-range plan for growth management. The plan is updated every four years for adoption by the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly, which includes representatives of each jurisdiction in the four-county PSRC region (King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish).

## **12. Levies and Ballot Measures in King County**

## **13. Upcoming Events**

Chair Boyce highlighted upcoming SCA events, including: Legislative debrief on May 6 at 3:30 PM

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

## **15. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned 8:19 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting  
March 9, 2022**

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	Troy Linnell
<b>Auburn</b>	Nancy Backus	James Jeyaraj
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Janice Zahn	Jeremy Barksdale
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Tamie Deady	
<b>Bothell</b>	James McNeal	Rami Al-Kabra
<b>Burien</b>	Sofia Aragon	Cydney Moore
<b>Carnation</b>	Kim Lisk	Dustin Green
<b>Clyde Hill</b>	Marianne Klaas	Kim Muromoto
<b>Covington</b>	Joseph Cimaomo	Kristina Soltys
<b>Des Moines</b>	Traci Buxton	
<b>Duvall</b>	Michelle Hogg	Rick Shaffer
<b>Enumclaw</b>	Chance LaFleur	Corrie Koopman Frazier
<b>Federal Way</b>	Susan Honda	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	Zach Hall
<b>Kenmore</b>	David Baker	Corina Pfeil
<b>Kent</b>	Bill Boyce	
<b>Kirkland</b>	Kelli Curtis	Amy Falcone
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Tom French	Lorri Bodi
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Les Burberry
<b>Medina</b>	Jennifer Garone	Jessica Rossman
<b>Mercer Island</b>	David Rosenbaum	Ted Weinberg
<b>Milton</b>	Shanna Styron Sherrell	Tim Cedar
<b>Newcastle</b>	Linda Newing	Paul Charbonneau
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Eric Zimmerman
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudonback	Heather Koellen
Pacific	Leanne Guier	
<b>Redmond</b>	Vanessa Kritzer	Angela Birney
<b>Renton</b>	Armondo Pavone	Valerie O'Halloran
<b>Sammamish</b>	Amy Lam	Kent Treen
SeaTac	Jake Simpson	Iris Guzmán
<b>Shoreline</b>	Chris Roberts	John Ramsdell
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	James Mayhew	Cara Christensen
<b>Tukwila</b>	Kate Kruller	Kathy Hougardy
<b>Woodinville</b>	Mike Millman	Rachel Best-Campbell
<b>Yarrow Point</b>	Katy Harris	

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

**SCA Public Issues Committee – April 13, 2022**  
**Attachment B – Zoom Chat Log**

19:05:02 From Jennifer Garone, Medina to Hosts and panelists:

Medina is here. Dialing in from my phone doesn't appear to work so will dial back in

19:39:53 From Mike Millman, Woodinville to Hosts and panelists:

yes a shareable document please