



## SCA Public Issues Committee

### Minutes

October 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Online

#### 1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Bill Boyce, Kent, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. 25 cities were represented ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Corina Pfeil, Kenmore (PIC Alternate); Dana Parnello, Maple Valley (PIC Alternate); Lorri Bodi, Lake Forest Park (PIC Alternate); Karen Howe, Sammamish City Council; Traci Buxton, Des Moines City Council; Louis Washington, Snoqualmie City Council; Lacey Jane Wolfe, Bellevue staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond staff; Jared Hill, Woodinville staff; Tania Santiago Pastrana, King County Council staff; Jenny Huston, King County Executive staff; John Sheller, King County Library System; Candice Bock, Association of Washington Cities (AWC); and Deanna Dawson, Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an overview of how the meeting would be facilitated in hybrid format. He noted that any discussion in the chat for those joining online 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.

John Sheller, King County Library System (KCLS), said that as part of the KCLS's climate planning they are seeking input and partnership with cities where electric vehicle charging stations located at libraries will help cities meet their climate goals. Cities are encouraged to reach out to KCLS for more information.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2023 Meeting

PIC Chair Bill Boyce asked if there were any amendments to the minutes of July 12, 2023 PIC meeting. **PIC Vice Chair Chris Roberts, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz, Des Moines, to approve the July 12, 2023 PIC minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### 4. Chair's Report

Chair Boyce reported that SCA is seeking PIC members to serve on the PIC Nominating Committee and as PIC Chair and Vice Chair in 2024. There are currently vacancies on the Nominating Committee for the Snoqualmie Valley and South Valley Caucus members. The Nominating Committee is responsible for reviewing applications and making recommendations for all SCA board and committee appointments. The PIC Chair is responsible for appointing PIC Nominating Committee members. In December, PIC will elect its Chair and Vice Chair for 2024. PIC Chair Boyce is serving his second of the maximum two one-year terms as PIC Chair. Vice Chair Chris Roberts is interested in moving on to being the Chair if elected by PIC. The deadline to apply for the Nominating Committee or for PIC leadership is Friday, November 10.

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

David Hoffman, SCA Executive Director reported on SCA staffing, and welcomed Andie Parnell as SCA Policy Analyst. Andie will staff SCA members on the Regional Transit Committee, Board of Health, King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee and Implementation Board, and several committees touching on human services issues. Hoffman highlighted the importance building relationships with legislators to advocate for city legislative priorities. The next SCA networking dinner is scheduled for October 25, 5:30 to 8:00 PM, at the Renton Pavilion Event Center.

## **6. 2024 State Legislative Priorities**

SCA Policy Analyst Kazia Mermel reported that PIC would be briefed by the Association of Washington Cities on their recently adopted legislative priorities and follow that with discussion of SCA's legislative priorities for the 2024 session.

Deanna Dawson, AWC CEO, and Candice Bock, AWC Director of Government Relations, reported on AWC's adopted [2024 City Legislative Priorities](#): help recruit and retain police officers for public safety; revise the arbitrary 1% property tax cap; continue investing in infrastructure; provide behavioral health resources; and [other significant issues](#). The 2024 Legislative Session is a short, 60-day session.

## **7. King County Cultural Access Sales Tax – King County Doors Open**

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that the County Council is considering a proposal to implement a councilmanic one-tenth of one percent sales tax to support cultural access through the King County "Doors Open" Program. Doors Open would provide cultural access organizations with grant funding to support operations and programs, reduced or free admissions costs, access in underserved geographic areas, transportation costs, internships, and more. Grants would be administered by King County's Cultural Development Authority, 4Culture. The proposed tax would be collected for a period of seven years at which time it could be renewed, and is anticipated to initially generate about \$100 million per year. The proposal was transmitted by the County Executive to the County Council on September 25. The County Council and Regional Policy Committee are expected to review and take action on the proposal prior to the end of 2023, with collection of the tax proposed to begin on April 1, 2024

Vice Chair Roberts noted that the Legislature recently authorized the cultural access tax to be imposed without going to voters and that it was likely to have support among a majority of County Councilmembers. He said the portion of funding being set aside exclusively for use outside of Seattle – 22% of levy proceeds – did not seem equitable when compared to population and suggested that RPC members advocate for a higher share to be adopted.

## **8. King County Flood Control District Budget**

SCA Policy Analyst Kazia Mermel reported on the proposed 2024 operating and capital budget recommended by the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee typically writes a letter to the Flood Control District Board of Supervisors to comment on the proposed budget. For 2024, the Advisory Committee took particular interest in the District's projected fund balance, which is expected to reach zero by 2025. The Advisory

Committee made several requests to address that shortfall in its annual recommendation letter to the Board that could increase future rates or delay projects. These include recommending that the Board consider raising the levy rate, study bonding options during 2024, and work closely with the Advisory Committee on project prioritization in the coming year.

Councilmember Karen Howe, Sammamish, who serves on the Flood Control District Advisory Committee, said the Flood Control District has been spending down reserves for several years to advance important projects impacting cities and would soon need to increase the levy to keep pace with project needs. The Advisory Committee is recommending a gradual increase over three years.

Council Vice President Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond, noted the importance of the work conducted by the Flood District and asked for more information about discussions in prior years about the levy.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, asked about spending by the District and justification for spending down fund reserves.

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, noted that she is a member of the Flood Control District Advisory Committee and that there are many factors that have driven up flooding risk and the cost of projects. She noted that projects that were advanced using fund balance are projects that cities have requested and that those funds had been collecting for the purposes of being expended on these projects. There has been reluctance to increase the levy, but the projects provide critical protection to people and property and should be funded.

## **9. 2024 Regional Board and Committee Appointments**

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an overview of the process for appointing SCA representatives to regional boards and committees. A Boards and Committees Appointment Process Q&A is scheduled for October 30 for members.

## **10. Potential Future Levies and Ballot Measures**

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on upcoming levies and ballot measures in King County and noted the upcoming General Election on November 7, 2023.

## **11. Upcoming Events**

- a. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – 10:00 AM to Noon – Tukwila Community Center
- b. SCA Networking Dinner with guest speaker Jevin West, co-founder of the UW Center for an Informed Public and co-author of *Calling BS: The Art of Skepticism in a Data-Driven World* – Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – 5:30 - 8:00 PM – Renton Pavilion Event Center
- c. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – Virtual
- d. SCA Annual Meeting – Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – Renton Community Center

**12. For the Good of the Order**

There were no items for the good of the order.

**13. Adjourn**

Chair Boyce adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.

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

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

**SCA PIC October 11, 2023**  
**Attachment B: Chat Log**

19:14:06 From Brian Parry, SCA To All Panelists:

Register here! <https://leahsca.wufoo.com/forms/xrvv22o13o3ph8/>

19:18:52 From Candice Bock, AWC To All Panelists:

<https://wacities.org/advocacy/City-Legislative-Priorities>

19:40:44 From Deanna Dawson, AWC To All Panelists:

This is on the agenda - "Producer responsibility for packaging  
Support proposals to establish a product stewardship  
framework for packaging."

19:58:30 From Candice Bock, AWC To All Panelists:

I was going to stick around and listen to your conversation if that is ok.

19:59:25 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila To All Panelists:



20:10:50 From Penny Sweet, Kirkland To All Panelists:

Kirkland is adopting our initial Leg agenda next Tuesday.

20:48:49 From Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond To All Panelists:

Thank you, Mayor Guier, for that perspective. Appreciate your years of service and thoughtful leadership on this!

21:00:20 From Katy Harris, Yarrow Point To All Panelists:

Please send us the list of committees. Thank you!