



SCA Public Issues Committee

MINUTES

February 14, 2024 – 7:00 PM

ONLINE MEETING

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Chris Roberts, Shoreline, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. 29 cities were represented ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Councilmember Sid Gupta, Sammamish (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Osman Salahuddin, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Louis Washington, Snoqualmie (PIC Alternate); Katie Halse, Bellevue staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond staff; Jovita McConnell, Tukwila staff; Jared Hill, Woodinville staff; Tania Mondaca, King County staff; and Mina Hashemi, King County staff.

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

3. Approval of the December 13, 2023 PIC Meeting Minutes

Chair Roberts asked if there were any amendments to the minutes of the December 13, 2023 PIC meeting.

Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz, Des Moines, moved, seconded by Mayor Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, to approve the December 13, 2023 PIC minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Roberts welcomed everyone to the first PIC meeting and encouraged members to reach out at any time with potential discussion topics or suggestions on how the committee can be most effective. Roberts asked for volunteers to serve on a working group to suggest any revisions to the PIC Operating Policies. The purpose of the subcommittee is to make recommendations about improving how PIC operates, meeting format, procedures for bringing forward and considering issues, among other topics. Roberts also asked for volunteers from the SCA South Caucus to fill a vacancy on the PIC Nominating Committee, which makes recommendations to PIC on regional board and committee appointments.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director David Hoffman reported that the Board at their first meeting on January 29th and elected Issaquah Mayor Mary Lou Pauly as Board President, Des Moines Mayor Traci Buxton as Vice President, Mercer Island Councilmember Wendy Weiker as Secretary, and Renton

Mayor Armondo Pavone as Treasurer. He reported the high points of Board discussion at the January 29th Board retreat. He encouraged members to attend the upcoming SCA Lunch and Learn on February 29th and the SCA networking dinner and reception on March 6th.

6. Legislative Update

Association of Washington Cities Director of Government Relations Candace Bock and Government Relations Advocate Lindsey Hueer provided an update on the 2024 legislative session. Bock provided an update on the upcoming cut off dates and supplemental budget releases. Bock and Hueer then gave updates on the bills pertaining to AWC's legislative priorities.

7. 2024 PIC Meeting Schedule

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on the draft 2024 PIC meeting schedule. Per the SCA bylaws PIC meetings are held monthly or as deemed necessary by the chair, the committee, or the SCA board.

Mayor Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, moved, seconded by Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., Covington, to approve the 2024 PIC meeting schedule as shown in [Item 7 Attachment A](#) . There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Regional Board and Committee Appointments

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on February 5 to make recommendations for appointment to SCA positions on regional boards and committees. Following the election tonight there are still alternate vacancies on several committees.

Mayor Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Amy McHenry, Duvall to recommend the SCA Board of Directors appoint 2024 Board and Committee representation as shown in [Item 8 Attachment A](#) . The motion passed unanimously.

9. King County Regional Homelessness Authority Updates

SCA Policy Analyst Andie Parnell shared updates on recent and ongoing activities of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority. In early 2024, KCRHA appointed a new interim CEO, completed the Point-In-Time Count, and passed their 2024 final budget. For the rest of 2024, KCRHA will complete their CEO search, subregional implementation plans, PIT data aggregation, Subcommittee final recommendations, new Collective Bargaining Agreements, the 2025 budget, and the interlocal agreement renewal.

Mayor Kevin Schilling, Burien, said he would like to see more information about how KCRHA is managing homelessness services, where they are available, and how that is tied to their funding sources. He asked about the Point in Time survey and whether it included allowing individuals to identify substance use disorder as a cause of losing housing. Parnell said that she would request more information.

Mayor Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, said that she participated in the recent Point in Time count and recalled that data on substance use disorder was collected. There was further discussion about precisely how the data was collected and the need for additional information.

Mayor Kevin Schilling, Burien, said that more needs to be done to ensure there is a fair distribution of homelessness services across the county.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, said that the question of how King County and the region allocate human services funding is an important issue SCA should be engaged as it impacts all 38 cities. He stressed the importance of quality data being collected as a part of Point in Time count because it drives service responses.

Councilmember Errol Tremolada, North Bend, asked about provider eligibility and Parnell said she would follow-up directly. Tremolada said homelessness is a top concern in North Bend as with other cities.

10. PIC Orientation and New Member Welcome

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry presented an orientation on the role of PIC.

11. Potential Future Levies and Ballot Measures

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry shared an update on pending city levies and ballot measures.

12. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, February 21, 2024
- b. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- c. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, March 20, 2024

13. For the Good of the Order

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Troy Linnell	David White
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Larry Brown
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Jared Nieuwenhuis	Dave Hamilton
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	Kristiana de Leon
Bothell	Rami Al-Kabra	Carston Curd
Burien	Kevin Schilling	
Carnation		
Clyde Hill	Steve Friedman	
Covington	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.	Kristina Soltys
Des Moines	Harry Steinmetz	Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Duvall	Amy McHenry	Rick Shaffer
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Corrie Koopman-Frazier
Federal Way	Susan Honda	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Victoria Hunt
Kenmore	Nigel Herbig	Melanie O'Cain
Kent	Bill Boyce	
Kirkland	Kelli Curtis	John Tymczyszyn
Lake Forest Park	Tom French	Lorri Bodi
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Dana Parnello
Medina	Michael Luis	
Mercer Island	Dave Rosenbaum	Ted Weinberg
Milton	Shanna Styron Sherrell	Tim Ceder
Newcastle	Paul Charbonneau	Ariana Sherlock
Normandy Park	Eric Zimmerman	Sue-Ann Hohimer
North Bend	Errol Tremolada	Brenden Elwood
Pacific	Vic Kave	
Redmond	Melissa Stuart	Osman Salahuddin
Renton	Ruth Perez	Valerie O'Halloran
Sammamish	Amy Lam	Sid Gupta
SeaTac	Jake Simpson	Iris Guzmán
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	John Ramsdell
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Cara Christensen	Louis Washington
Tukwila	Tosh Sharp	Jovita McConnell
Woodinville	David Edwards	James Randolph
Yarrow Point	Katy Kinney Harris	

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

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Attachment B: Chat Log

20:00:50 From Kevin Schilling, Burien to Hosts and panelists:

Can we bring down the presentation so we can see everyone again please?

20:08:54 From Kevin Schilling, Burien to Hosts and panelists:

If the role is to be a coordinator, it was ineffective over the last year for the most high profile homelessness issue in the county.

20:11:03 From Katy Kinney Harris, Yarrow Point to Hosts and panelists:

When will we see the results of the PIT count? I Need to be able to tell constituents what those numbers are...especially children, young adults and families.

20:16:28 From Kevin Schilling, Burien to Hosts and panelists:

This should be reflected in the minutes. Similarly to what Candice said about the Kenmore bill being unfairly labeled and described because we have tough local issues to solve, it should be the same between cities and KCRHA. I received pointed and public critiques directly from KCRHA staffers that wrote letters and then leaked them to the press about statements I made when Burien was trying to tackle our own issue last year. It doesn't feel like there's a positive relationship building desire there. And until that operation style changes, I'm going to remain skeptical of their desire to partner and be equitable in the distribution of resources.