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## SCA Board of Directors Minutes

April 27, 2016 10:30 AM  
Federal Way City Hall  
33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way, WA 98003

### 1. Call to order

Nancy Backus, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Members Present: Bill Allison, Nancy Backus, Jim Ferrell , Leanne Guier, Bob Harrison, Will Ibershof, Hank Margeson, Marlla Mhoon, Catherine Stanford

Members Absent: David Baker, Matt Larson, Dana Ralph, Amy Walen

Staff Present: Deanna Dawson, SCA; Jennifer Marshall, City of Federal Way

### 2. Public comment

There was no public comment.

### 3. Consent agenda

**Will Ibershof moved, seconded by Bill Allison , to approve the consent agenda.** The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. President's report

Nancy Backus provided the President's report: She attended the Seattle Chamber Intercity Study Mission to Miami, Florida. Board discussion ensued regarding homelessness and the fact that observing differing political dynamics/political climate challenges our status quo in a positive way.

### 5. Executive Director's report

Deanna Dawson provided the Executive Director's report sharing that the City of Bellevue voted unanimously April 25<sup>th</sup> to join SCA. The Board was very enthusiastic, and responded with applause to the news.

**Will Ibershof moved, seconded by Leanne Guier, to create policy for prorated dues for jurisdictions joining SCA mid-year.** The motion passed unanimously.

Deanna Dawson will draft policy and provide to the board members for review. The Board will also review Regional Associate Member Dues in 2016.

The Executive Director's report continued with information regarding the Marketplace Fairness Act which has been renamed the Remote Transactions Parity Act. The Kent Chamber of Commerce has adopted a position and she asked that the board members consider working with local chambers to do the same. A copy of their letter will be provided for reference.

#### **6. All Home Coordinating Board, Children and Youth Advisory Board, King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee, and Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee Appointments**

Deanna Dawson reported on board vacancies and provided overview of applicants.

**Hank Margeson moved, seconded by Leanne Guier, to appoint:**

**Councilmember Shelley Kloba, Kirkland, as a member to the All Home Coordinating Board; Councilmember Jesse Salomon, Shoreline, as a member to the Children and Youth Advisory Board; Councilmember Henry Sladek, Skykomish, as an alternate to the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee; and, Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, as a member to the Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee.** The motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. Staff Appointments**

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**Will Ibershof moved, seconded by Marlla Mhoon, to move Jim Seitz, Transportation Planning and Program Manager of Renton, from alternate to member of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC).** The motion passed unanimously.

**Will Ibershof moved, seconded by Bill Allison to appoint Phillip Messina, City Manager of Carnation, as an alternate to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC).** The motion passed unanimously.

**Hank Margeson moved, seconded by Catherine Stanford, to appoint Rob Odle, Planning Director of Redmond, as a member to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Regional Centers Framework Working Group.** The motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. Finance Committee Report**

Executive Director Deanna Dawson provided the Finance Committee Report due to the absence of Treasurer Amy Walen. The report included information regarding County Budget Meeting scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. to be held at PSRC. Discussion followed regarding maternity leave of Ellie Wilson Jones, a temporary employee Ella Williams filing in during Ellie's absence. The Finance Committee and Board were supportive of this expenditure.

#### **9. PIC Chair's Report**

Marlla Mhoon, PIC Chair, reported on the April 13, 2016 meeting of the PIC. She reported that 31 cities were represented. Agenda items included ST3, including discussion of parking, and affordable housing.

The Board discussed a possible amendment to the draft policy regarding subarea equity. Consensus among the board is that the verbiage raises red flags; do not pursue.

The number of side conversations occurring at the PIC meetings was discussed. A general reminder will be provided by PIC Chair Mhoon at the next meeting; if the situation is not remedied this can be revisited.

#### **10. City Managers/Administrators Report**

Bob Harrison provided the City Managers/Administrators Report. Topics included the King County Budget, a presentation from the City of Kent regarding cultural competency, and the City of North Bend camping ordinance being declared unconstitutional. The idea of having common ordinances on homelessness was suggested as a potential aid to area jurisdictions, perhaps made by Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC).

**Chair Nancy Backus called for recess at 11:38 a.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 11:48 a.m.**

#### **11. Discussion Items**

##### **a. Legislative Update**

##### **i. Budget**

Two items were vetoed in the State budget: a raid of the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), and a redistribution of the fire insurance premium tax.

**Bob Allison moved, seconded by Hank Margeson seconded, sending letter from Board thanking Governor Inslee for vetoing these items on behalf of SCA.** The motion passed unanimously. Dawson agreed to draft a letter for President Backus's signature ([Attachment A](#)).

##### **ii. SCA Legislative Committee**

This Committee will be populated from the PIC and SCA Board and will do their best not to duplicate efforts. Ms. Dawson requested volunteers to serve. Catherine Stanford, Leanne Guier, Bill Allison, and Nancy Backus volunteered.

##### **b. SCA positions on ballot measure**

If ST3 is on a ballot some individuals have requested SCA to take a position on the measure. It has not been the practice of SCA to take stances on ballot measures. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not this should be the practice and if this would be done in this case. The consensus was to assess this on a case by case basis and not take a position in this instance (too many SCA cities are outside the taxing district, could be divisive).

##### **c. Retreat follow up:**

##### **i. Economic Development**

Discussion ensued about having a regional "dashboard." There is a need to establish goals so that there can be measurements made. A staff group of economic development managers will start this task.

**ii. Affordable Housing**

Discussion ensued about Affordable Housing week. SCA will also be looking at an event later in 2016.

**d. Regional Associate Members**

Previously discussed during Executive Director's Report.

**e. City Members**

Previously discussed during Executive Director's Report.

**f. Methanol Plant – Update**

The proposed Methanol Plant is no longer moving forward and will no longer be coming back to PIC. This project has raised a good question as to what can be considered a Regional Issue; this idea could potentially be a topic for a retreat. Additionally the idea of fairness/that both sides of an issue should be able to be represented when SCA or PIC is moving towards a decision like this in the future will also be considered.

**12. Upcoming Events**

The next SCA Best Starts for Kids Roundtable meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Renton City Hall.

The next SCA Public Issues Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall.

The next SCA Board of Directors meeting and tour is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Issaquah City Hall.

**13. For the good of the order**

There were no comments.

**14. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.



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May 3, 2016

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David Baker  
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Dear Governor Inslee,

Treasurer

Amy Walen  
Mayor  
City of Kirkland

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sound Cities Association, I want to express our sincere gratitude to your responsiveness to the needs of cities, and your leadership in vetoing portions of the budget that would have diverted needed funds from cities.

Member-at-Large

Bill Allison  
Councilmember  
City of Maple Valley

The Sound Cities Association helps cities in King County act locally and partner regionally to create vital, livable communities through advocacy, education, leadership, mutual support, and networking. Part of building vital, livable communities is funding needed infrastructure. The Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) provides loans to cities to maintain and upgrade local infrastructure in a cost-effective manner. Depleting this fund to balance the budget is short sighted and places our cities' infrastructure in jeopardy. We applaud you for recognizing this fact, and protecting the fund from being further swept this year. We look forward to working with you and the legislature to not just maintain but enhance the fund in the future.

Past President

Matt Larson  
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Jim Ferrell  
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Leanne Guier

Mayor  
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Bob Harrison  
City Administrator  
City of Issaquah

Will Ibershof

Mayor  
City of Duvall

Additionally, your veto of section 920 of the operating budget protected many of our member cities that receive a distribution of the state's fire insurance premium tax. We thank you for recognizing that this section of the budget did not take into consideration the realities of our state's property tax system, and the pressures placed on cities by the one percent property tax cap. Without your veto, this one percent cap would have significantly hampered cities' abilities to fund firefighters' pensions.

Hank Margeson  
Council President  
City of Redmond

Our cities appreciate the significant financial challenges that the state is facing - our cities are facing similar challenges. Your recognition of this fact, and your willingness to take action to protect cities this session was very much appreciated.

Marlla Mhoon  
Councilmember  
City of Covington

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director Deanna Dawson at (206) 495-3265, or at [Deanna@SoundCities.org](mailto:Deanna@SoundCities.org).

Dana Ralph  
Councilmember  
City of Kent

Sincerely,

Catherine Stanford  
Deputy Mayor  
City of Lake Forest Park

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