

SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

October 15, 2014 10:00 AM
Renton City Hall, Conferencing Center
1055 S. Grady Way, Renton 98057

1. Call to Order

Matt Larson, SCA Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Members present: Bill Allison, Nancy Backus, Chris Eggen, Don Gerend, Jim Haggerton, Bob Harrison, Matt Larson, Denis Law, Bernie Talmas

Members absent: David Baker, Dennis Higgins, Dave Hill, John Marchione

Staff present: Deanna Dawson, Kristy Burwell

Guests present: Mary Jane Goss

2. Public Comment

Vice President Larson asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, Larson closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

Denis Law noted two corrections to the September 17, 2014 minutes.

Denis Law moved, seconded by Nancy Backus, to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Vice President's Report

Vice President Larson reported that he has been meeting with SCA member cities to learn more about each community including its individual challenges and geography. To date, Larson reported that meetings have occurred in the following cities: Kent, Renton, Federal Way, Algona, Pacific, Black Diamond, Woodinville, Beaux Arts, Tukwila and Burien. Vice President Larson thanked members for hosting a visit as well as Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, for joining him. Vice President Larson reported that a suggestion that came from these meetings was to rotate the location of the Board meetings so that we visit the cities of all Board members. The suggestion was to hold the regular Board meeting at City Hall, with an optional tour of the city either before or after the Board meeting to be arranged by the host city. Board members were extremely enthusiastic about this idea.

5. **Executive Director's Report**

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that SCA has received an honorarium of \$3,000 from the Seattle Foundation in recognition of participation on the Communities of Opportunity design panel.

Dawson reported that the King Conservation District is honoring SCA as the best partnering organization at its annual meeting. The Board agreed that someone from SCA should be there to accept the award. After some discussion, the Board directed that Deanna ask one of our policy analysts to attend.

Dawson reported that the Port of Seattle has reached out to SCA and would like to give a presentation. Members discussed the appropriate time frame for such presentation and agreed that a networking dinner in 2015 might be an appropriate venue.

Dawson asked if members could provide direction if the six-year term limit applied to staff appointments, to which members agreed that the term limit applies to any appointment, elected official or staff. Members briefly discussed some issues with appointees who were having attendance issues. The Board agreed that the protocol for handling issues with attendance should be an initial discussion with the committee member to determine whether the member wished and was able to fulfill responsibilities of appointment. If that did not resolve the issue, the caucus chair should reach out to the appointee to remind him or her of attendance requirements. Other informal efforts including discussion with the city mayor, especially where the appointee is a staff person, may follow. If these efforts were unsuccessful, a letter should be sent advising the individual that they may be removed by the Board if attendance continues to be an issue. Finally, if all these efforts were unsuccessful the Board may take action to appoint a new member to the committee.

Dawson reported that the call for nominations for the Area Agency on Aging for Seattle and King County has been extended since SCA has not received any applications.

Dawson reported that in a recent meeting with Executive Constantine, he had discussed forming a new Regional Transit Task Force (RTTF) and had agreed to keep SCA involved in the planning process.

Dawson inquired about the direction for the SCA ad hoc committee on transit. The Board strongly agreed that it wanted this committee to continue to meet. The committee should be tasked with "setting the table" for the work of the RTTF, and determining what SCA cities wanted to see from Metro. At a minimum, the committee should bring back a policy to the PIC and Board for adoption regarding cities interest in seeing productivity measures at Metro reflect differences between urban, suburban, and rural communities.

Dawson noted that on 9/30/2014, Alameda County, California's drug disposal law was upheld in federal court. This paves the way for King County's similar secure medicine take back program moving forward. Mayor Baker was a key driver in the Board of Health adopting these regulations.

The Board had a discussion about the need to update policies regarding regional associate members. Dawson had received a question about whether SCA would consider granting a non-voting seat on the Board to regional associate members. The Board discussed and noted that they valued the participation of regional associate members and valued their feedback. But they felt strongly that it would be inappropriate to have a seat, even a non-voting seat, for regional associate members on the Board.

6. Finance Committee Report

Treasurer Don Gerend, Finance Committee Chair, gave an update on the review of the County budget, and a meeting with Dwight Dively, Director of the King County Office of Performance, Strategy & Budget. Treasurer Gerend noted that cities concerns focused primarily around Metro, Public Health, and Public Safety. The Board had a robust discussion on all these items, particularly around Metro and reserve policies, public health clinic closures, and some issues regarding transparency on both of these. Following the discussion, the Board directed Dawson to draft a letter for the Board President's signature to the County Council expressing cities' priorities and concerns about the County budget. The Board directed that the following points be made in the letter:

- On Metro, the County Council should look closely at reserve policies, and not build reserves at the expense of current service. The Council should avoid cuts in 2015, and look to restore service to communities hit hardest by the September 2014 cuts. To accomplish this, the Council should consider whether funding above the \$6 million in the biennium proposed by the Executive is sufficient for alternative transit service;
- On public health, SCA is committed to working with the County to finding long term, sustainable funding for public health. As we work toward that, the County Council should continue to work with cities to avoid clinic closures in the coming biennium. The letter should make the point that this is a priority not just for the cities that host the clinics (like Auburn), but for all cities. Although the farmers market fee increase appears to be being resolved outside of the budget process now, the letter should also note to the Council that avoiding these increases is a priority for cities;
- On public safety, the letter should note that cities want the Council to continue to take steps to get a handle on public safety costs, and to avoid cost increases for jail and Sheriff service. This is a major concern for cities that contract with the County for police service.

Treasurer Gerend also gave the Board an update on the Finance Committee's review of the SCA budget, which was handed out at the meeting. Many budget decisions were already made by the Board in June, and the budget reviewed by the Finance Committee incorporates those items, including funding for an additional policy analyst. The Finance Committee directed staff to proceed with hiring the same audit firm for 2015 as was used in 2007 and 2011, which will save SCA between \$3,000-7,000. The committee also agreed that a new audit firm should be hired for the next audit. Gerend reminded the Board that the Executive Director's salary would need to be determined by the Board for next year. The Board asked that an Executive Session for November be set for the Executive Director's annual performance review. The Board will adopt a budget recommendation at the November Board meeting, before the budget goes to the membership for review and adoption at the December 3, 2014 Annual Meeting.

7. Events Committee Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported on the recent Events Committee meeting and referred to the meeting minutes included with the material packet. Dawson sought feedback from the Board regarding the program for the December 3, 2014 SCA Annual Meeting and Networking Dinner. Dawson reported that the Events Committee made a few suggestions and staff had looked into availability and fees. John Keister is willing to cut his usual fee by more than half for SCA to work within our budget. The Board directed staff to retain John Keister for the Annual Meeting.

8. PIC Chair's Report

Bernie Talmas, PIC Chair, reported on the October 8, 2014 meeting of the PIC, and stated that there were no recommended potential policy positions for this meeting, but will likely have multiple recommendations at the November Board meeting. Chair Talmas highlighted some of the topics that may be brought forward to the Board for action, including: military facilities being recognized as regional centers; manufacturing industrial centers designation; and re-establishing competitive grant funding for the youth athletic facilities. Chair Talmas reported that the PIC reviewed AWC's draft legislative agenda and there was general support for the items. Cities agreed that AWC should take the lead on these items, but requested that SCA staff bring back a position for consideration at the next PIC on lifting the 1% property tax cap. The Board discussed whether cities should simply ask that the cap be lifted, whether they should specify a higher cap level, or whether the limit should be tied to inflation, or some other factor. In the end, the Board agreed that staff should bring back a menu of options for consideration by the PIC.

9. City Manager's Report

Bob Harrison, Issaquah City Administrator, reported that at the October 1 City Managers and Administrators meeting there was a presentation from staff from the King County Congressional delegation members, as well as a presentation from Pat McLaughlin, Division Director for King County Solid Waste. Harrison reported that at the November 5 meeting, the group will hear from the public health department on what actions are being taken in King County to address ebola and other potential public health crises.

10. Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County Report

Mayor Backus reported on the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County's Executive Committee meeting on October 9. Backus stated that the meeting time was changed to accommodate the Aerospace Alliance, so there was very low attendance. Backus continued that the meeting discussion focused on the fact that approximately 75% of the organization's funding came from the public sector, and what could be done to bring in more private sector investors. The group also discussed how the organization could bring more value to and address concerns of public sector investors.

11. Discussion Items

PSCAA:

Dawson provided an update on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Advisory Council appointment. The PSCAA is agreeable to adding seats on the Advisory Council for other cities, but has not yet taken action. The Board agreed that the SCA appointee to this committee should be an elected official rather than a staff member. The Board also asked staff to send out a call for

nominations at this time to make the appointment at the November Board meeting. Dawson has followed up with AWC about making a legislative change to allow for other cities to have Board seats. AWC staff has indicated it would support if there was no opposition from other cities. Dawson is attempting to meet with the Board Chair, who is from Everett. The Board suggested also raising this issue with Mayor Murray.

October 22, 2014 Joint SCA and AWC Meeting:

Dawson reported that AWC is working on its agenda for the joint dinner meeting on October 22 and asked for volunteers to be included in the program.

October 31, 2014 Transportation Meeting:

The Board discussed the agenda for the 10/31 meeting on transportation. Dawson noted that she and President Marchione had discussed inviting Bellevue Mayor Claudia Balducci to participate in her capacity as PSRC TPB Chair. The Board agreed that this was a good idea and it was discussed whether Seattle should also be invited. After weighing pros and cons, the Board agreed that it would be helpful to invite Seattle Mayor Murray and Transportation Chair Rasmussen.

12. For the good of the order

Members welcomed Bob Harrison to the SCA Board of Directors.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.