

SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

March 19, 2014 10:00 AM
Renton City Hall, Conferencing Center
1055 S. Grady Way, Renton 98057

1. Call to Order

John Marchione, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members present: Bill Allison, Nancy Backus, David Baker, Don Gerend, Jim Haggerton, Dennis Higgins, Matt Larson, Derek Matheson, Bernie Talmas

Members absent: Chris Eggen, Dave Hill, Denis Law

Staff present: Deanna Dawson, Kristy Burwell

2. Public Comment

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

3. Consent Agenda

Bill Allison moved, seconded by Jim Haggerton, to approve the Consent Agenda. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. President's Report

President Marchione reported that he has discussed the value and benefits of SCA with the Mayor of Bellevue. Board members expressed concern that Bellevue is receiving the benefits of SCA without being a member city. This will be a topic of follow up discussion.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that the King Conservation District (KCD) Advisory Committee has elected its leadership: Bellevue Councilmember John Stokes as Chair, and Carnation Mayor Jim Berger, as Vice Chair. ED Dawson stated that the working relationship has greatly improved between SCA and the KCD. In addition to having seats on the KCD Advisory Committee, SCA will participate in the grant process and provide feedback on projects that are beneficial for cities.

ED Dawson reported that the Road Map Project in South county has been receiving national attention. ED Dawson continued that information on the successful model will be brought to SCA

members, potentially through a pre-PIC workshop. Another upcoming pre-PIC workshop topic is a presentation on the First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* Initiative.

ED Dawson reported that Ray Moser, King County's Economic Policy Advisor/Business Relations Manager, is retiring and Dawson is scheduled to meet with him prior to his departure with the county, and there will be an upcoming meeting with Moser, the Executive, and SCA leadership.

ED Dawson announced that Hebert Research, Inc. has joined SCA as a new Regional Associate Member and Cynthia Sullivan Hebert plans to attend the March 19 SCA networking dinner.

ED Dawson commented on a possible internship opportunity at SCA focusing on community health programs.

ED Dawson highlighted a potential training by Seattle Against Slavery for city employees concerning human trafficking issues. An email was sent to member cities regarding this potential training and that it might give tangible methods, for personnel such as code enforcement officers or health inspectors, to help combat this issue.

Last, ED Dawson provided an update on the vacant Senior Policy Analyst position. SCA has received a good response and is conducting interviews.

6. Finance Committee Report

Treasurer Don Gerend, Finance Committee Chair, reported that at the February 19 meeting of the SCA Board of Directors, the Board directed staff to fill the vacant Senior Policy Analyst position and charged the Finance Committee to provide recommendation for funding additional staff. The members had an extensive discussion on increasing revenue. The Finance Committee suggested that staff conduct a membership survey to find out the level of work that members would like to receive from SCA, and to explain benefits and value of being a member of SCA.

Chair Gerend also reported that the Finance Committee is suggesting that Board members reach out and visit each member city council. ED Dawson passed around a signup sheet for members to volunteer to speak at council meetings. Matt Larson clarified that on item 5 of the Finance Committee draft minutes the dues are based on a per resident rate. ED Dawson confirmed that dues are on a per capita basis. Derek Matheson inquired if there is a standard presentation that can be provided for council visit presentations. ED Dawson replied that she is more than willing to provide a presentation and extended an offer to accompany members to the council visits. SCA can assist with scheduling and materials for presentations.

Chair Gerend stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the existing bank accounts and assessed the current interest rates for the interest bearing accounts. Members felt that in addition to banking with local banks, the fiduciary responsibility would include considering the highest savings account rate available. ED Dawson continued that SCA needs to find a new bank account due to the Sterling Bank and Umpqua Bank merger.

David Baker moved, seconded by Nancy Backus, to close the Bank of America accounts, open two new high yield savings accounts, and opening a second checking account that may become the operating account. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Gerend asked if any of our current banking institutions are Regional Associate Members. ED Dawson reported that none of them are at this time, but that staff will discuss this opportunity with them.

ED Dawson reported that staff is also looking for other sources of revenue with Regional Associate Membership.

7. PIC Chair's Report

Bernie Talmas, PIC Chair, reported on the SCA Leadership meeting with King County Executive Dow Constantine included continued wide support for a statewide transportation package.

Chair Talmas reported on discussions with the Executive regarding transfer stations, and budgeting.

Chair Talmas reported that the members of the PIC continued the conversation on financial transparency for King County Metro revenue and expenses. They agreed that more transparent and accurate financial information should be sought after by a subgroup of the SCA members of the Regional Transit Committee (RTC).

Chair Talmas reported that there was a pre-PIC workshop on the King County Climate Initiative. The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) will vote on the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) to add greenhouse gas reduction targets in the summer of 2014. Matt Larson commented that the King County-Cities Climate (K4C) Collaboration is providing information on the efforts of climate change in King County. ED Dawson reported that at the next meeting of the PIC, there will be a potential policy position that will include the targets. ED Dawson stated that SCA staff will provide members with a one page white paper with more information.

8. City Manager's Report

Derek Matheson reported that the City Managers and Administrators met on March 5, 2014. Meeting topics included a legislative update from AWC, a report from the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Program, and a presentation to help understand the McCleary decision. The WSU Extension program is looking to broaden outreach to the community and become a resource to local and regional government on areas such as the environment, water quality, and food sustainability. This relationship could be formed through interns working with cities or professor working on projects for cities.

Matheson reported that Stephen Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent for Puget Sound Educational Service District, and Sheryl Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Renton School District, gave a presentation on the McCleary decision. ED Dawson stated that this presentation could be given to city councils or at a pre-PIC meeting.

9. Staff Appointments

Bernie Talmas moved, seconded by Bill Allison, to appoint Jennifer Henning, Renton, as a member to the Interagency Advisory Committee (IAC) to the Committee to End Homelessness (CEH); Ingrid Gaub, Auburn, as an alternate to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC); and Chester Knapp, Redmond, Alicia McIntire, Shoreline, and Monica Whitman, Kent as members to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transit Access Working Group.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. For the good of the order

Don Gerend announced that Sammamish has lost some of its staff members to the Medina and Burien.

David Baker noted that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee had an upcoming vote on the transfer station review. The Board discussed the matter, and based on the fact that cities were still in discussions about this matter, the vote should be postponed if possible.

Dennis Higgins announced that the City of Kent recently hired a consultant to fill the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and Finance Director positions.

Dennis Higgins also announced that the council vacancy has been filled by Brenda Fincher.

Nancy Backus stated that there are concerns from Auburn residents regarding siting of the South transfer station, and citizens are requesting an independent audit of the station sites.

Matt Larson reported that the tribal tax exemption bill has passed through the legislature and is now on the Governor's desk for signature. Larson encouraged members to write a letter to the Governor to veto this bill.

Jim Haggerton announced that Kimberly Matej, a city employee for 10 years, will be the new AWC Communications Manager.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.