

SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

July 16, 2014 10:00 AM
Renton City Hall, Conferencing Center
1055 S. Grady Way, Renton 98057

1. Call to Order

John Marchione, SCA President, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Members present: Bill Allison, Nancy Backus, Chris Eggen, Don Gerend, Jim Haggerton, Dennis Higgins, Dave Hill, Matt Larson, Denis Law, John Marchione, Derek Matheson, Bernie Talmas
Members absent: David Baker
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

Dave Hill moved, seconded by Denis Law, to approve the Consent Agenda. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. President's Report

President Marchione reported on the recent meeting between the SCA Executive Board and King County Councilmembers Larry Gossett and Joe McDermott. Marchione stated that the meeting largely was surrounded by transit discussions expressing concerns of the SCA members. President Marchione also noted that the issue on the Board of Health funding was raised, and he inquired if the clinics are taking fewer patients due to the Affordable Care Act. President Marchione also mentioned that the Executive Committee met with King County Executive Dow Constantine recently, which had similar focus on the regional transit issues.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported on the recent meetings of the King County Council concerning the proposal on transit cuts. Dawson also reported on the TrEE Committee discussion on county roads. Dave Hill continued to stress the need for transparency of King County Metro. Eggen commented that there should be a clear message to voters concerning the benefits of passing a measure to fund roads and transit. Dawson commented that SCA had offered data to the proposition 1 campaign, but was not used. Hill commented that the legislature needs to adopt

a statewide transportation plan. Dennis Higgins commended King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski for his efforts on the transit issue.

6. PIC Chair's Report

Bernie Talmas, PIC Chair, reported on the most recent PIC meeting.

Bernie Talmas moved, seconded by Dave Hill, that the Board appoint Councilmember Don Persson, Renton, from alternate to member, and appoint Councilmember Pam Fernald, SeaTac, and Commander Mark Hagreen, Redmond, as alternates on the Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bernie Talmas moved, seconded by Dave Hill, that the Board recommend for appointment Mayor Mary Jane Goss, Lake Forest Park, from alternate to member, and recommend for appointment Councilmember Dawn Dofelmire, Algona, and Councilmember Erika Morgan, Black Diamond, as alternates on the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Talmas reported that the PIC discussed the greenhouse gas emissions monitoring item with little controversy and noted that there was one abstention.

Bernie Talmas moved, seconded by Don Gerend, to adopt the following policy position as recommended by the PIC on July 9, 2014:

Sound Cities Association (SCA) supports adoption by the Growth Management Planning Council of Environmental (EN) Policy-18A:

King County shall assess and report countywide greenhouse gas emissions associated with resident, business, and other local government buildings, on road vehicles and solid waste as least every two years. King County shall also update its comprehensive greenhouse gas emissions inventory that quantifies all direct local sources of greenhouse gas emissions as well as emissions associated with local consumption at least every five years.

Deanna Dawson noted that Duvall was the city that abstained from the vote. Dawson continued that the council has met to discuss this issue since the PIC meeting and with a split vote approved the position.

There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bernie Talmas moved, seconded by Denis Law, to adopt the following policy position as recommended by the PIC on July 9, 2014:

Sound Cities Association (SCA) supports the 2015 King Conservation District (KCD) Program of Work as recommended by the KCD Advisory Committee, and supports adoption of a budget to support the Program of Work in its entirety.

President Marchione stated that he will be voting no on this motion. He continued that the rate is doubling and the justification did not meet the rate increase.

Don Gerend inquired if there will be an increase in the dollars set aside for cities. President Marchione commented that while the current funds will continue to be set aside for cities, the increase will not add to those funds. Dawson added that the rate is increasing from \$5.14 to \$9.45 per parcel and that there will not be additional dollars for jurisdictional grants.

Dennis Higgins noted that he will be abstaining from the vote because his council had not taken a position at this time.

Chris Eggen expressed that he was supportive of the proposal.

With no further discussion, President Marchione called for the vote. The motion passed 10-1-1. John Marchione voted no. Dennis Higgins abstained from the vote.

Bernie Talmas moved, seconded by Dave Hill to adopt the following policy position as recommended by the PIC on July 9, 2014:

The Sound Cities Association (SCA) supports the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) providing seats on the Advisory Council for cities in each of the four member counties. Because the largest cities in each county have seats on the PSCAA Board under RCW 70.94.100, the city seats on the Advisory Council should be held by cities other than the largest cities in each county. The appointments should be made by Sound Cities Association for King County, and by the Pierce County Cities and Towns Association and the Snohomish County Cities and Towns Association respectively in Pierce and Snohomish counties.

SCA supports amending RCW 70.94.100 in order to ensure representation for cities other than the largest cities in each county on the board of the PSCAA.

Deanna Dawson highlighted that King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties worked well together on issues concerning the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. Dawson reported that the Presidents of the Pierce and Snohomish County Cities and Towns Associations have been consulted, and are supportive.

Don Gerend inquired on the size of the PSCAA Board. Dawson responded that the Board of the PSCAA is comprised of nine seats: one elected official from each county, King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish, plus a representative from the largest city in each county, and one member representing the public at large. Gerend commented that he was supportive.

Chair Talmas noted that there are two parts to this position: seats on the PSCAA Advisory Council and working to amend the RCW to allow for more seats on the PSCAA Board of Directors.

Chris Eggen highlighted that each SCA member was also a member of the PSCAA and that it is important to support all members on the Advisory Council and Board of the PSCAA.

President Marchione asked that SCA staff contact its members regarding this issue and to consider including it in their legislative agendas. Dawson added that SCA will work with AWC as well.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Talmas reported that the PIC deferred making a decision on the school siting guidance policy until the September meeting. Dawson continued that the Interjurisdictional Team (IJT), the staff group that advises the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), is continuing to work on this potential policy.

7. City Manager's Report

Derek Matheson reported that the City Managers and Administrators met on July 2, 2014 and received a presentation on slide hazard mapping as well as updates on the 2015 ICMA Conference and proposed changes in the ICMA membership dues. Matheson noted that the August 6, 2014 meeting is cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2014.

Matheson concluded by stating that he has enjoyed his time on the SCA Board of Directors and will help to find a great replacement. Members thanked Matheson and wished him well in his new position as Kent CAO.

8. New Board Member Discussion

Deanna Dawson noted that with Derek Matheson's new position, the City Managers and Administrators group will be selecting a replacement.

9. Consideration of Cancellation of August 20, 2014 Board Meeting

Denis Law moved, seconded by Nancy Backus, to cancel the August 20, 2014 Board Meeting.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. For the good of the order

President Marchione asked Dawson to give an update on the ad hoc transit committee. Deanna Dawson responded that SCA staff has talked with city staff and is proceeding forward with this ad hoc committee. Dawson stated that the first meeting will likely be in late July or early August and asked for volunteers. The Board agreed that the committee should consist of both RTC members, and Board members.

Don Gerend commented on the recent AWC Conference, where the Legislative Priorities Committee had its first meeting. The structure of this committee has changed and Gerend asked Dawson to send out the minutes of that first meeting to SCA members. The AWC Legislative

Priorities Committee would appreciate feedback from SCA members to discuss at its September meeting and start focusing on its work in the next legislative session.

Jim Haggerton reported that the AWC ad hoc rail committee had its first meeting and he will continue to provide updates as the committee moves forward.

Dave Hill noted that he would like the PIC to consider scheduling a meeting in South King County.

Jim Haggerton commented that on a recent letter from King County the cc section still lists SCA as Suburban Cities Association. Deanna Dawson stated that she will follow up.

Denis Law raised concerns about the various economic development agencies around the county, and whether they are working well together, whether their roles are well defined, whether there is unnecessary duplication of efforts, and/or whether there are gaps in economic development in the region. President Marchione expressed that the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Economic Development District Board (EDDB) should set policy, while the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County (EDC) should implement those policies.

Jim Haggerton responded to some false rumors about issues at the SCORE jail facility.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.