

SCA Board of Directors MINUTES

July 17, 2013 10:00 AM
Renton City Hall
1055 South Grady Way, Renton 98057

1. Call to Order

Denis Law, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: David Baker, Dini Duclos, Chris Eggen, Don Gerend, Mia Gregerson, Ken Hearing, Dave Hill, Matt Larson, Pete Lewis, John Marchione

Members absent: David Johnston, Jamie Perry

Staff present: Deanna Dawson (telephonically), Kristy Burwell

Guests present: Mike Schechter (telephonically)

President Law made a change in the order of the agenda items to move the President's Report after the executive session.

2. Public Comment

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

3. Consent Agenda

Chris Eggen moved, seconded by Dini Duclos, to approve the Consent Agenda. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, suggested that members address the agenda item regarding SCA Finance Committee Membership, and time permitting, the agenda item regarding SCA bank accounts, while waiting for Mike Schechter to join telephonically. Members agreed.

4. Finance Committee Membership

ED Dawson reported that Mike Thomas has resigned his seat on the SCA Finance Committee as he has taken a San Juan County position and is no longer the City Administrator for the City of Enumclaw. ED Dawson continued that Tracey Dunlap, Kirkland Director of Finance and Administration, is qualified and interested in the open seat.

Ken Hearing moved, seconded by Don Gerend, to appoint Tracey P. Dunlap, P.E., Director of Finance & Administration, City of Kirkland, to the SCA Finance Committee.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Executive Session**

At 10:05 a.m., President Law announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation for fifteen minutes. He asked SCA Executive Director Dawson and Administrative Services Manager Kristy Burwell to be present for the discussion. Also present was SCA attorney Mike Schechter of Foster Pepper.

At 10:20 a.m., President Law announced that the Executive Session would be extended for another ten minutes.

At 10:30 a.m., President Law announced that the Executive Session would be extended for another ten minutes.

At 10:38 a.m., the Board ended its Executive Session. No action was taken. The meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m.

6. **President's Report**

President Law handed out a memo regarding SCA communications efforts relating to the 2013 Board priorities. He asked that members direct questions to himself or ED Dawson.

President Law reported that ED Dawson has been recruited to apply for the position of Executive Director at PSRC, as Bob Drewel is retiring as current Executive Director of PSRC. The Executive Committee of PSRC will be making a decision on hiring in September of 2013. The SCA Board will be kept informed about the process, and any decisions. President Law complimented Dawson on her work at SCA, and her role in improving relationships between SCA and King County and other regional partners.

7. **Executive Director's Report**

ED Dawson first reported that recently, the Board voted to recognize Bob Sternoff as Member Emeritus. Staff has identified individuals who would qualify, but there may be additional. A handout was provided to members. President Law asked that Member Emeritus action item be included in the next meeting agenda. ED Dawson noted that there are other individuals that are retiring that the Board may want to recognize even if they don't qualify for Member Emeritus.

ED Dawson gave an update on transportation, and the recent legislative session. The King County Executive is convening a meeting regarding transportation funding for transit and roads, and SCA has been involved in planning. The partnership between the County and SCA cities is continuing.

ED Dawson gave an update on review of the solid waste transfer station plan. Earlier this year, SCA had adopted a position recommending review in light of changed circumstances and on June 11, 2013, the Board sent a letter to the chair of Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) with recommendations to be taken into consideration when reviewing and updating the 2006 Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan. Earlier this month, the King County Council adopted a budget proviso requiring a review of the Plan that is closely aligned with the SCA request for review. Dawson thanked Councilmembers McDermott and Dembowski for working with SCA on this matter. ED Dawson and MSWMAC Chair Chris Eggen have met with and been working with staff from the County Council, County Executive's Office, and the Solid Waste Division. The review will involve SCA through the PIC, as

well at RPC and MSWMAC. Dawson reported that she is optimistic that this review could result in substantial savings. Mayor Lewis concurred, and noted that this could result in fewer or modified transfer stations. Councilmember Duclos noted they had discussed this matter recently at RPC, and Solid Waste Division (SWD) Director Pat McLaughlin was receptive of the comments. President Law concurred. Chris Eggen stated that is a good time for cities to provide comments to SWD.

8. **2012 990 Tax Return**

ED Dawson reported that the 2012 Form 990 tax return has been completed and is being provided for the Board's review. The deadline for filing the tax return is August 15, 2013. Unfortunately, the SCA Finance Committee has not had a chance to meet since the recurring monthly meeting fell on July 4. ED Dawson suggested that rather than approving the return today, the Board could defer to the SCA Finance Committee. Don Gerend, Treasurer, reported that while the SCA Finance Committee has not had a chance to meet, members have reviewed it. Pete Lewis suggested that the tax return should be reviewed by the SCA Finance Committee prior to filing, either by person or phone.

Pete Lewis moved, seconded by Don Gerend, to approve the 2012 Form 990 tax return subject to the approval of the SCA Finance Committee.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **SCA Bank Accounts**

ED Dawson reported that staff has been working to change bank accounts from Bank of America to Sterling Bank, per the Board's direction. The Board Policies state that the Board must approve the closing of bank accounts. ED Dawson asked that a formal motion be made to close the Bank of America account.

Dave Hill moved, seconded by Ken Hearing, to close the Bank of America accounts once the Sterling Bank accounts are fully established.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **Public Issues Committee (PIC) Report**

Mia Gregerson, PIC Chair, reported that at the July 10, 2013 PIC meeting, members engaged in robust conversations and unanimously voted to recommend a policy position regarding solid waste. Chair Gregerson asked for a motion.

Matt Larson moved, seconded by Pete Lewis, to adopt the following public policy position as recommended by the PIC:

Sound Cities Association supports the Solid Waste Division conducting a full review of options for waste disposal, including waste-to-energy, as part of the upcoming Sustainable Solid Waste System Study and through the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan process.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Gregerson reported that members have expressed interest in rotating the location of PIC meetings, and that the PIC will be meeting in Kirkland for the November 13, 2013 PIC meeting.

Chair Gregerson announced that the next SCA Networking Dinner will be September 25 at the TPC Snoqualmie Golf Club.

11. For the good of the order

Ken Hearing invited members to the 5th Annual Downtown North Bend Block Party this Saturday, July 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.