



## **SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC)**

### **Minutes**

**April 11, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Renton City Hall**

**Council Chambers**

**1055 S. Grady Way - Renton, WA 98057**

#### **1. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mia Gregerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. 23 cities were represented (Attachment 1 to these minutes). Guests included Genesee Adkins, King County; Paul Sherfey, King County; Linda Ridge, King County; The Honorable Richard McDermott, King County Superior Court Judge; Jim Burt, King County; Mike Ryan, Emergency Management Zone 1 coordinator; Michael Huddleston, King County Council; Beth Mountsier, King County Council; Pam Elardo, King County Wastewater Treatment Division; Mark Buscher, King County Wastewater Treatment Division.

#### **2. Approval of minutes of March 7, 2012 meeting**

Ross Loudenback, North Bend, moved, seconded by Marlla Mhoon, Covington, to approve the March 7, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Executive Director's Report**

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, introduced Becky Parker who will be filling in for Kristy Burwell during her absence as the Administrative Services Manager at SCA. SCA has obtained an intern, Ella Williams, to help conduct SCA membership surveys this summer. ED Dawson reminded members that the next SCA Networking Dinner is next Wednesday, April 18, 2012 featuring a panel of Legislators that will provide feedback on the legislative session. The recent SCA Newly Electeds Workshop was successful and well attended. SCA is interested in doing more educational and networking opportunities, such as workshops. Currently, ED Dawson is working with Senator Cantwell's office and SCA Regional Associate Member, Jake Johnston, to collaborate to provide a Federal Funding Workshop. She asked SCA members to provide feedback on topics of interest for educational events.

The SCA Events Committee has both elected officials from SCA member cities; as well as, SCA Regional Associate Members to identify speakers for SCA Networking Dinner Events, especially. This committee has met since the last meeting of the PIC and will continue to meet throughout the year. The SCA Membership Committee has met and decided to continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis. This committee will work on retaining current members through the membership survey conducted by SCA's summer intern, reviewing how the SCA membership views the structure of the PIC including the voting structure of one city one vote. The SCA Communications Committee has met and is working to revamp SCA's website and look at rebranding SCA, create more visibility externally in the community and media. The SCA Finance Committee met recently and discussed that there is no desire to raise member city dues. The upcoming audit is also a discussion topic.

The SCA Board of Directors met on March 21 and approved the recommendation from the PIC concerning Medical Cannabis/Marijuana.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next meeting of the PIC Operations and Procedures Subcommittee (PIC OPS) will be May 16. There is an ambitious work plan for 2012 and the PIC OPS plans to make recommendations for the membership to consider at the annual meeting in November.

The Legislative Special Session adjourned this morning after passing a budget measure on a 44-2 bipartisan vote and sent the bill to the governor for her signature. Under the adopted budget, cities would lose liquor taxes for the rest of the state's biennium, from July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013. This amounts to approximately \$9M for the rest of this year and another \$9M for the first half of next year, as compared to 2011 city distributions. Despite continued efforts by AWC staff, other city lobbyists and numerous contacts from cities to their legislators, it appears we were unsuccessful in convincing legislators not to restrict future shared liquor revenue distributions, even though making permanent cuts now doesn't help balance the current budget. ESSB 6582 did not pass.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Mia Gregerson, PIC Chair, reported that a local nonprofit that makes money, FareStart, is on the brink of expanding to double its size. There is an opportunity to have this organization to locate within a suburban city. FareStart has a tenant improvement budget of \$1M for upgrades to an existing structure that is 15,000-20,000 square feet in size. FareStart provides a 1-year program for homeless and disadvantaged youth to help unleash the intelligence and positive energy of low-income community youth to rebuild their communities and their lives. For more information visit [www.farestart.org](http://www.farestart.org).

#### **5. Report from the PIC Nominating Committee**

Jim Haggerton, PIC Nominating Committee Chair, reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on April 4, 2012 to address the alternate seat on the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) recently vacated by Federal Way Deputy Mayor Jim Ferrell. The committee members reviewed the nominees and discussed that both are experienced and would be excellent additions to the EMAC, Councilmember Susan Honda of Federal Way would provide geographical balance to the SCA-EMAC caucus.

Jim Haggerton, Tukwila, moved, seconded by Ross Loudonback, North Bend, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors that Federal Way Councilmember Susan Honda be recommended to the King County Executive for appointment to the alternate seat on the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC). The motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Feedback on the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Program Study Session**

Councilmember Bill Peloza (SCA/RWQC Caucus Chair) facilitated the CSO Study Session. In addition, KC Councilmember Larry Phillips participated in the CSO Q&A. Monica Whitman, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, thanked Pam Elardo and Mark Buscher for attending and making a presentation at the study session. She also provided a review of the study session highlighting the three main areas of concern: 1) regional significance and the value to suburban cities in King County, 2) is investing in a CSO the best way to clean up the Puget Sound, and 3) balancing priorities for determining projects, such as environmental and social risks. King County Wastewater Treatment Division staff offered to provide presentations to individual city councils. PIC members asked clarification questions and provided feedback on the study session.

## **7. Replacement of Juvenile Justice Center (2012-14)**

The Honorable Richard McDermott, King County Superior Court Presiding Judge, provided a presentation on the status of the Juvenile Justice Center and the need for a replacement facility. Judge McDermott provided handouts including pictures of the current state of disrepair of the structure and utilities. Some examples include: electrical, plumbing, and heating and cooling systems are beyond repair; King County has spent millions addressing lingering mold and moisture problems caused by a flood in 2006; The discovery of toxic PCBs in the facility's window caulking required the relocation of employees and court services while the County remediated the hazardous materials; the facility is not designed to address the types of safety issues that arise from emotional cases involving families and children; Courtrooms and waiting areas are small and overcrowded, creating a noisy, hectic and confusing environment; and There are no private meeting rooms, leaving families to meet with their attorneys and caseworkers in the lobby and public hallways to discuss sensitive, private matters. He asks that SCA members consider supporting a ballot measure to lift the levy lid for property taxes. The proposed legislation would place a measure on the August primary ballot asking voters to approve a nine-year property tax levy of seven cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to fund the replacement of the dilapidated Youth Services Center. The cost to the median homeowner in King County would be less than \$25 per year for nine years. Judge McDermott introduced Jim Burt, Major Project Manager for the King County Facilities Management Division, who expanded on the process. PIC members inquired on topics such as bonding possibilities and other alternatives. See Attachments 2a-2d to these minutes.

## **8. Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) – New Public Campaign, “What to Do to Make it Through” (2012-15)**

Mike Ryan, Zone One Coordinator for Emergency Management, provided a presentation on the new public campaign, “What to Do to Make it Through”, for emergency management disaster preparedness. King County, the City of Seattle and EMAC have had as their emergency preparedness campaign, 3 Days, 3 Ways, a program that encourages citizens to be prepared for 3 days after an emergency. After a survey/focus groups, it was determined that the program was not having the desired impact on personal preparedness; in general, people felt they could make it three days. The new campaign encourages citizens to prepare for 10 days after an emergency. Mr. Ryan asked cities to help spread the word by placing a link to a new website, [www.makeitthrough.org](http://www.makeitthrough.org), on city websites so that citizens can use it as a tool to learn how to be better prepared for a regional disaster.

## **9. School Siting Task Force Update (2012-13)**

Bob Sternoff, member of the School Siting Task Force, provided an update. The School Siting Task Force completed its work on time at its March 29 meeting. The group achieved a 100% consensus on the recommendations; recommendations did not include moving the urban growth line. The final report was signed by all 29 members of the Task Force and was recommended to King County Executive Dow Constantine. For more information, follow this link to the recently posted report, <http://kingcounty.gov/exec/constantine/SchoolSitingTaskForce.aspx>

## **10. King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC) – Flood Plan Update (2012-16)**

Bob Lee, SCA-KCFCDAC Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Flood Plan and requested feedback from SCA members. The Flood Control District is currently in the process of updating the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan. As part of the scope of work, a Citizens Advisory Committee has been

formed and the Flood Control District Advisory Committee will be reviewing a number of issue papers throughout 2012. At their March meeting, the Flood Control District Advisory Committee discussed funding for coastal flood and erosion risk reduction projects. Chair Lee provided a summary of the discussion that took place including funding options for coastal areas provided only on the condition that additional resources are provided such that other projects are not deferred, which is consistent with SCA's current position on the Seattle Seawall. The coastal cities encouraged Advisory Committee representatives to consider future funding for regionally significant coastal projects. However, coastal city representative clarified that they were not seeking modification to the existing SCA flood control district policies at this time.

#### **11. Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) – Affordable Housing Policies Update (2012-17)**

Becky Olness, member of the SCA-GMPC Caucus, provided an update on the Affordable Housing Policies. The four major differences from previous Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) are that the CPPs establish an upfront a countywide need for affordable housing; eliminate the assigned affordable housing targets; focus on implementation strategies to meet the countywide need; and establish four steps to accomplish this approach: 1) Conduct housing supply inventory and needs assessment; 2) Implement policies and strategies to address unmet needs; 3) Measure results; and 4) Respond to measurement with reassessment and adjustment of strategies. A major change in the CPPs is that cities can count their existing housing towards their housing needs; and that there is one thing that changed from our March presentation from ARCH. The draft now shows the affordable housing need broken down to include 0-30% of area median income. This is to reflect the need in the county. Previously, the breakdown was 0-50%. Interjurisdictional Team (IJT) believes the issues in an April 2011 letter by mayors of seven south county cities have been addressed in this revision. The GMPC will most likely take action on the Affordable Housing Policies at its June 6, 2012 meeting.

#### **12. Regional Policy Committee (RPC) – 2012 Work Program Update (2012-18)**

Pete Lewis, SCA-RPC Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) 2012 Work Program. The purpose of the work plan is to identify subject matters for the referral of legislation for regional or countywide plans and policies. In addition to legislative referrals, the committee is elected to identify priority issues for briefings or discussion. Caucus Chair Lewis asked for feedback on the listed topics as well as any other countywide topics that are of concern to the suburban cities. The SCA-RPC Caucus requested a list of King County ballot measures, a briefing on Levy Suppression, the King Conservation District, and progress to date on the Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan. If there are other significant issues cities would like the RPC to be briefed on in the next six months, please email Monica Whitman, SCA staff to the RPC, at [monica@suburbancities.org](mailto:monica@suburbancities.org).

#### **13. Regional Transit Committee (RTC) – Metro Alternative Services 5 Year Implementation Plan Update (2012-6)**

Bob Sternoff, SCA-Regional Transit Task Force (RTC) Caucus Chair, provided an update on the Metro Alternative Services 5 Year Implementation Plan. The Suburban Cities Association has been an active participant in the planning of the upcoming Workshop on Alternative Services scheduled for April 18. The workshop will focus primarily on the Role of Alternative Services, Implementation Options, Performance and Criteria for Success, and the Process and Scope of the Plan. RTC members will have an opportunity to address the role of Alternative Transit Service under three distinct revenue environments: (1) Reduced revenue (2) Stable revenue (3) Growing Revenue. The plan should address travel needs, including social equity and geographic value, throughout the

County, in addition to addressing performance. In addition to the alternative services workshop, one of the largest service changes ever proposed for Metro Transit is set to take effect September 29, 2012 restructuring 60,000 hours of service to address bus overcrowding, schedule inefficiencies, and provide additional service to an underserved corridor. RTC members are interested in seeking feedback from member cities regarding general communications with Metro prior to this major service change.

#### 14. Other

For the good of the order

1. Jamie Perry encouraged cities to comment on Supreme Courts GR31, which opens all courts to public records request.
2. Jim Haggerton requested an update on the work of the Radio Executive Policy Committee (REPC).
3. Linda Kochmar requested a legislative report on the recent session and its outcomes. Linda also requested a report or presentation on human trafficking. The PIC members agreed that this was a topic that they would like to have a workshop on. ED Dawson agreed to work on a presentation for an upcoming pre-PIC meeting.
4. Bob Sternoff encouraged members to enjoy the opening night performance of Puccini's masterpiece Madama Butterfly—both in person at McCaw Hall and also at nearby Key Arena, where Seattle Opera will present its first free live HD simulcast. For free tickets and more information and tickets visit [www.seattleopera.org/keysimulcast](http://www.seattleopera.org/keysimulcast).

#### Upcoming Meetings

1. SCA Networking Dinner, Wednesday, April 18, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.  
*Featuring an end of session legislative update from a distinguished panel of legislators.*
2. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 9, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

#### 15. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

#### Committee Acronyms

BOH	Board of Health	PIC	Public Issues Committee
CEH	Committee to End Homelessness in King County	PSRC	Puget Sound Regional Council
DVI	Domestic Violence Initiative	REPC	Radio Executive Policy Committee
EDDB	PSRC's Economic Development District Board	RPEC	PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee
EMAC	Emergency Management Advisory Board	RLSJ	Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee
EMS	King County Emergency Medical Services Task Force	RPC	Regional Policy Committee
ETP	Eastside Transportation Partnership	RTC	Regional Transit Committee
GMPB	PSRC Growth Management Policy Board	RWQC	Regional Water Quality Committee
GMPC	Growth Management Planning Council	SCA	Suburban Cities Association
KCFCDAC	King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee	SCAAC	South Central Action Area Caucus Group
JRC	Joint Recommendations Committee	SCATBd	South County Area Transportation Board
LEOFF 1	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Board	SeaShore	Seashore Transportation Forum
LHWMP	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program	SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee	TPB	PSRC Transportation Policy Board
MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee		

## 2012 Roll Call –Public Issues Committee Meeting April 11, 2012

City	Representative	Alternate	Other	Staff
Algona	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn		
<b>Auburn</b>	Pete Lewis	Nancy Backus	Bill Peloza	
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider			
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Rebecca Olness			
<b>Bothell</b>	Andy Rheaume	Tom Agnew		
<b>Burien</b>	Jerry Robison	Bob Edgar		
<b>Clyde Hill</b>	Barre Seibert	George Martin		
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto		
<b>Des Moines</b>	Matt Pina			
<b>Duvall</b>	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof		
Enumclaw	Liz Reynolds			
<b>Federal Way</b>	Linda Kochmar	Jeanne Burbidge		
Hunts Point	Fred McConkey			
Issaquah	Tola Marts	John Traeger		
Kenmore	David Baker	Allan Van Ness		
<b>Kent</b>	Jamie Perry	Suzette Cooke		
<b>Kirkland</b>	Amy Walen	Bob Sternoff		
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Sandy Koppenol	Tom French	Bob Lee	
<b>Maple Valley</b>	Layne Barnes	Erin Weaver		
Milton	Jim Manley	Debra Perry		
<b>Newcastle</b>	Lisa Jensen	Rich Crispo		
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Shawn McEvoy	Susan West		
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing		
Pacific	Leanne Guier	John Jones		
<b>Redmond</b>	Hank Margeson	John Stilin		
<b>Renton</b>	Rich Zwicker	Terri Briere		
<b>Sammamish</b>	Tom Vance	Tom Odell	Don Gerend	
<b>SeaTac</b>	Mia Gregerson	Tony Anderson		
<b>Shoreline</b>	Chris Roberts	Chris Eggen		
<b>Skykomish</b>	Henry Sladek			
Snoqualmie	Matt Larson	Kingston Wall		
<b>Tukwila</b>	Jim Haggerton	Kate Kruller		
<b>Woodinville</b>	Bernie Talmas			
SCA				Deanna Dawson Monica Whitman Doreen Booth Kristy Burwell Becky Parker

Electeds present are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.