



SCA Public Issues Committee Minutes

**January 8, 2014 – 7:00 PM
Renton City Hall, Council Chambers
1055 S Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057**

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. 30 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Nancy Tosta, Burien City Council; Bob Keller, Sammamish City Council; John Stilin, Redmond City Council; Bill Pelozza, Auburn City Council; Dawn Dofelmire, Algona City Council; Vic Kave, Pacific City Council; John Stokes, Bellevue City Council; Tammy Deady, Black Diamond City Council; Mayor Mary Jane Goss, Lake Forest Park; John Drescher, Newcastle City Council; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office; Kimberley Matej, City of Tukwila staff; Michael Hursh, Auburn staff; Rob Gala, City of Seattle staff; and Carolyn Busch, King County Council staff.

Chair Talmas welcomed all the members and guests to the meeting.

2. Public Comment

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

3. Introduction of Members – Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, Chair

Chair Talmas asked members to introduce themselves, and to share how long they had been an elected official and how long they had been serving on the PIC. Members and guests introduced themselves.

4. Approval of the December 11, 2013 Minutes

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, moved, seconded by Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, to approve the December 11, 2013 meeting minutes.

Councilmember Jerry Robison, Burien, recommended a correction to the minutes, noting that his name was spelled wrong on page 8 of the minutes.

The motion passed unanimously, with the correction of Jerry Robison's name. Staff noted that the change would be made in the minutes.

5. Chair's Report

Chair Talmas welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. Talmas encouraged members to read their packets, discuss issues with their council and come back to each

meeting with new ideas and prepared to give direction.

6. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the PIC. ED Dawson encouraged members to feel free to speak up at PIC meetings. Dawson noted that members are encouraged to ask questions, either at the PIC meeting or of staff after the meeting.

Dawson noted that one of the current members of the PIC Nominating Committee (Mayor Haggerton of Tukwila, representing the South caucus) would be stepping down from PIC in 2014, creating a vacancy for a South representative to the Committee. She encouraged PIC representatives from the South to apply for the Committee.

ED Dawson congratulated the 2014 SCA Board of Directors.

The four north caucus Board members were reelected: Mayor John Marchione, Redmond; Councilmember Don Gerend, Sammamish; Deputy Mayor Chris Eggen, Shoreline; and Mayor David Baker, Kenmore. The four new south caucus Board members are: Mayor Jim Haggerton, Tukwila; Council President Dennis Higgins, Kent; Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; and Mayor Bill Allison, Maple Valley. The South Valley is represented by Mayor Dave Hill, Algona and the Snoqualmie Valley, by Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie. Mayor Denis Law, Renton will serve as immediate past president of the Board. Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, has a seat on the Board as the PIC chair. Derek Matheson, Covington has been selected as the City Manager representative to the Board.

ED Dawson attended the City Managers / Administrators meeting earlier in the day. AWC shared their 2014 Legislative Priorities, www.awcnet.org/LegislativeAdvocacy/Legislativepriorities.aspx. Dawson noted that AWC's City Action Days will be held on January 29-30 in Olympia, registration at www.awcnet.org/TrainingEducation/Conferences/CityActionDays.aspx. Dawson reviewed the top priorities shared by AWC staff.

AWC's top priority is the restoration of liquor revenue to cities for the 2015-2017 biennium. Other top priorities include: securing a share of marijuana revenue for cities, and reconciliation between medical and recreational marijuana regulations, restoration of the Public Works Trust Fund and preventing the funds from being taken for other purposes in the future, an issue on which a broad coalition of interests is working. Other priorities discussed include funding transportation needs, stormwater management, and the collection of impact fees.

AWC also noted that the Ruckelshaus Center report, *Situation Assessment of Public Records Request to Local Governments*, has been completed, and that they would be requesting additional funding based on the report's recommendation. www.ruckelshauscenter.wsu.edu/projects/documents/SituationAssessmentofPublicRecordsRequeststoLocalGovernment-RuckelshausCenter.pdf. Dawson invited Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, to give additional input. Councilmember Nixon gave an overview of past legislative actions related to the report.

ED Dawson highlighted that the City Managers / Administrators also received an excellent presentation by the City of Tukwila on community revitalization and a social media presentation by the City of Issaquah. If cities would like to have Issaquah give their presentation at a Pre-PIC Workshop, please contact ED Dawson at Deanna@soundcities.org.

ED Dawson reminded members that the SCA Board of Directors will elect their leadership on January 15. The annual board retreat will be held on January 31. If there are issues you would like the board to consider, please contact ED Dawson at Deanna@soundcities.org.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond, added that a statewide transportation package should be the top priority in all city legislative agendas as well as AWC's legislative agenda.

ED Dawson offered to share member's feedback with AWC noting that cities still need critical state funding for highway projects, in addition to local options in King County. Dawson noted that there would be more discussion of transportation funding options later in the agenda.

7. PIC Nominating Committee Recommendation

Redmond Councilmember Hank Margeson, Chair of the 2014 PIC Nominating Committee, reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on January 3, 2014 to discuss nominees for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the King Conservation District (KCD) Advisory Committee.

Margeson reported that there is a vacancy on SWAC resulting from a Councilmember from Burien not being reelected. The appointment is to fill the term (ending 9/31/14).

Margeson also reported that the three King Conservation District appointments are to a new Advisory Committee arising out of the King Conservation District/King County Conservation Panel and Task Force report, www.kingcd.org/pdf/conservation-panel-and-task-force-common-set-of-recommendations.pdf.

Chair Hank Margeson, Redmond moved, seconded by Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors the appointment of Stacia Jenkins, Normandy Park Councilmember, to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), and the appointment of Chris Eggen, Shoreline Councilmember; Kate Kruller, Tukwila Councilmember; and Jim Berger, Carnation Mayor, to the King Conservation District (KCD) Advisory Committee.

Chair Margeson noted that it was important to have Councilmember Jenkins, Normandy Park, on a regional committee for a number of reasons, including having Normandy Park involved with SCA, to develop newer members, and to have geographic diversity on SWAC.

Regarding the KCD Advisory Committee recommendations, Margeson noted that it was important to have continuity on the KCD Advisory Committee and the three members being recommended were on the KCD Task Force in 2013. This committee is also asking for the

ability to appoint alternates in order to build bench strength. *(Note: On January 13, 2014 KCD confirmed SCA will be able to appoint alternates. A Call for Nominations will be issued.)*

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Margeson reported that Deputy Mayor Penny Sweet, Kirkland will not be able to continue on the GMPC due to a meeting conflict. A Call for Nominations for the GMPC vacancy will be sent out and an appointment considered at the February PIC meeting.

As a follow-up to ED Dawson's Directors Report, it was also noted that there will also be an opening on the PIC Nominating Committee from the South caucus.

8. 2014 PIC Meeting Schedule

ED Dawson stated that this item is on the agenda in order to ensure that all members and the public will be aware of SCA's meeting schedule, and to be as transparent as possible.

Dawson asked PIC members to respond to questions about meeting location preferences and about attendance on March 12, 2014 as it is the same date as the NLC Conference in Washington DC.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila moved, seconded by Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend approval of Resolution 2014-1 Setting the Public Issues Committee's 2014 Meeting Calendar.

Members had a debated the merits of having the meetings in one location versus having occasional meetings at an alternate location or locations.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond moved, seconded by Councilmember Kingston Wall, Snoqualmie to amend the motion to have two meetings in Kirkland, in April and July.

Members had a robust discussion on the merits of the amendment. Following that discussion, Chair Talmas called for a vote on the amendment to hold the April and July PIC meetings in Kirkland.

The motion failed. Algona, Auburn, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Kenmore, Kent, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Renton, SeaTac, Skykomish, and Tukwila voted no. Kirkland abstained.

Councilmember Layne Barnes, Maple Valley moved, seconded by Councilmember Andy Rheume, Bothell to have one meeting in Kirkland in July.

There was a discussion of the amendment. Following that discussion, Chair Talmas called for a vote on the amendment to have the July PIC meeting in Kirkland.

The motion passed. Algona, Auburn, Des Moines, Enumclaw, Kent, Normandy Park, North Bend, and Pacific voted no. Kirkland and Renton abstained.

Following additional discussion, the original motion, as amended, was called for a vote.

The motion passed. Algona voted no.

ED Dawson asked which if any members had a conflict with the March 12 date. Only three PIC members indicated a conflict. With no further discussion or motion, the PIC meeting date for March 2014 will be held on March 12.

9. Transportation Funding

ED Dawson noted that transportation was a major priority for SCA in 2013.

Dawson reminded members that in 2012, SCA member cities, Seattle, and King County were unable to come to agreement on the parameters of a local option component of a transportation package and, as a result there were competing bills in Olympia. Legislators advised that unless the parties were able to resolve their differences, no local option would be available.

In 2013, after extensive negotiation, SCA members, Seattle and King County worked hard to come to terms on a local option that all three entities could support. In addition, all three entities (as part of a countywide coalition that also included business and labor, and environmental and transit advocates) came together to support a statewide transportation package. Despite these efforts, a state transportation package did not pass in 2013 and the likelihood of the state passing such a package in 2014 is unclear at best.

King County is now considering a local option for transportation funding using existing authority under state law. This includes the ability to form a countywide Transportation Benefit District (TBD) utilizing a sales tax (of up to .2%) and a vehicle license fee (of up to \$100).

Combined, these sources would raise over \$130 million, which is similar in scope to the approximately \$140 million that would have been raised by the local option sought by SCA from the legislature in 2013.

Additional detail may be found in the staff memo provided to PIC members.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kingston Wall, Snoqualmie to bring the following policy position back for adoption at the next PIC meeting:

In order to address the critical transportation needs facing King County and cities throughout the County, the Sound Cities Association supports the formation of a countywide Transportation Benefit District (TBD), with 60% of the funds going to Metro for transit funding and 40% being distributed to the County and cities based on population for other transportation needs including local roads, sidewalks, bike paths, additional transit, and other

transportation purposes as determined by the particular needs of the local jurisdiction. In order to ensure that dollars can be used as effectively and efficiently as possible to address the pressing transportation needs of each individual jurisdiction and to avoid the creation of additional burdensome bureaucracies, the funding raised should be provided to local jurisdictions through a direct distribution.

A number of members spoke to the motion. Mayor Dave Hill, Algona noted although the amount of roads funding is relatively small for a city of Algona's size he urged cities to take into consideration the impact that transit cuts will have on their community. Hill requested additional financial accounting from Metro. He spoke about the impact that Metro cuts will make in Algona and Pacific, reiterating that Metro is the family car for many. Hill urged members to save transit.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, questioned whether the County's proposal could affect Lake Forest Park's Transportation Benefit District. Stanford commented Lake Forest Park would like to consider raising their Transportation Benefit District amount. ED Dawson noted that cities existing TBD authority of \$20 would not be affected, nor would any future proposals to increase the councilmanic authority to \$40. The total Transportation Benefit District authority is \$100. King County is considering \$60 rather \$100 to allow cities to maintain their existing and proposed future authority.

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend noted that it appeared that under the proposed ordinances, there would be no specific allocation to cities. ED Dawson noted that this was an issue that the County Council is considering. The policy position submitted to PIC would ask that the County Council adhere to the past agreement reached between the County, Seattle, and SCA member cities, and to designate 60% of revenues to Metro, with 40% of the revenue raised allocated to jurisdictions based on population for other transportation needs.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah noted that Issaquah had raised concerns in the past about imposition of regressive taxes. He asked for clarity about the split of the \$130 million between sales tax and license fees. In response, Dawson noted that a .1% sales tax would raise approximately \$50 million in the first year, while a \$60 vehicle license fee would raise approximately \$80 million. Dawson also noted that the less regressive tax option supported earlier by member cities was not authorized under existing state law.

SCA staff distributed a handout illustrating the amount of revenue that would be raised for jurisdictions if 40% of total TBD revenue would be allocated to cities and the unincorporated area based on population.

Councilmember Andy Rheume, Bothell pointed out a typo on the handout, the heading Total Allocation to Cities (40%) should read Total Allocations to Jurisdictions as unincorporated King County is included. A revised handout ([Attachment B](#)) is included with these minutes.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore reiterated concerns about cities supporting formation of a TBD without an assurance of a share of revenues being devoted to city transportation needs, given that 90% of residents reside in cities, and the bulk of revenues are being raised in cities and from city residents.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland shared the concern about whether cities could support a ballot measure if the County did not adhere to the agreement that 40% of revenue be devoted to local jurisdictions for their transportation needs. Nixon stated that Kirkland may consider passing a resolution against the formation of a TPB if this agreement were not maintained.

Deputy Mayor Chris Eggen, Shoreline noted that the continued partnership with the County as to this agreement on shared revenues was important. He however wanted to ensure that cities were able to fully discuss the position, and not to pre-commit cities to support until that discussion had been had. He also noted the Regional Transit Committee is still working with Metro to improve service. Eggen proposed moving the position forward to the next PIC meeting.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, felt the proposed position was consistent with the voice of SCA in the past. She also shared that she felt it was consistent with the National League of Cities (NLC) approach, recommending moving transportation decision-making to the local level.

Mayor Dave Hill, Algona also supported bringing this item forward to the next meeting of the PIC. He reiterated that while the dollars allocated to Algona would not have a large impact, they may have a large impact on his neighboring cities, which was also important to Algona. The potential of transit cuts are also a major concern to Algona. He urged PIC members to look at the impacts of transit cuts across the region.

Diane Carlson of King County noted, in response to a question from Chair Talmas, that the formation of a TBD is up for consideration at the County Council. In the ordinance the Executive transmitted, he respected the agreement that was made with the cities as to the 40% allocation to jurisdictions, and included that percentage in his transmittal to the County Council.

Members concurred that maintaining this agreement with the County was critically important in getting their cities to support the TBD.

Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond noted that the PIC may wish to be more specific in the policy position that they ultimately adopt. He suggested, for example, that SCA may want to consider specifying support for a 0.1% sales tax and \$60 vehicle license fee. Margeson supported the position moving forward but noted that the position may evolve between now and February. He also noted that King County needs to be accountable and cities will need some level of commitment of where the money is going.

Chair Talmas called for a vote on the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Review of SCA Policy Positions – 2005-2013

ED Dawson provided an overview of this item. She asked that members give feedback on which items are of continuing vitality, which are outdated and/or should be revised, and which should be archived.

ED Dawson requested that members contact staff with suggestions related to specific policies.

Members made note of policies regarding the King Conservation District which may need to be archived. Tola Marts of Issaquah requested that SCA staff bring back potential policies regarding combatting human trafficking, based on an earlier presentation to PIC.

11. Future Training Opportunities for SCA Members

Chair Talmas reviewed the 2013 trainings opportunities held for PIC members and requested input from members on trainings they would like to see in 2014. Members' suggestions for training topics in 2014 included: city use of social media; continued public records training; municipal goal setting and council metrics, Redmond's budgeting process – budgeting by priorities; giving effective presentations (including but not limited to how member cities give updates to their councils on PIC issues); how to engage with legislators; and how to effectively utilize the Washington State Legislature website. ED Dawson noted that based on member feedback, members indicated that they prefer to have trainings over in-depth presentations at pre-PIC meetings. Members concurred.

12. Upcoming Events

- a) SCA Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 10:00 AM, Renton City Hall
- b) Newly Elected Officials Workshop – Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 4:00 PM, SeaTac City Hall
- c) 2014 Board and Committee Orientation – Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 6:00 PM Dinner, 6:30 Orientation, SeaTac City Hall
- d) SCA Woman's Leadership Breakfast – Thursday, January 16, 2014 – 7:30 AM Puget Sound Skills Center – Burien
- e) SCA Board Retreat – Friday, January 31, 2014 - Exact Time and Location TBD
- f) SCA Pre-PIC Workshop with Ann Macfarlane, Jurassic Parliament
Wednesday, February 12, 2014 – 6:00 PM Renton City Hall
- g) SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2014 – 7:00 PM Renton City Hall
- h) SCA Networking Dinner – Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – 5:30 PM Renton Pavilion Events Center –Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, Keynote Speaker

13. For the Good of the Order

Councilmember Melissa Musser, Des Moines, reminded members of the Women's Leadership Breakfast on January 16 at 7:30 at the Puget Sound Skills Center in Burien.

Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton invited members to the 12th Man Seahawks Rally at on Friday in Renton. Mayor Law will raise the 12th Man Flag. Members responded, “GO HAWKS!”

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila announced she had been appointed to NLC’s Transportation Infrastructure & Services Steering Committee.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland announced that the Washington Coalition for Open Government will hold their statewide conference in Mercer Island on March 8 and invited members to attend, <http://www.washingtoncog.org/events.php>.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

**2014 Roll Call – Public Issues Committee Meeting
January 8, 2014**

City	Representative	Alternate	Other	Staff
Algona	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn	Dawn Dofelmire	
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Bill Peloza		
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider	Tom Stowe		
Black Diamond	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady		
Bothell	Andy Rheaume	Tom Agnew		
Burien	Jerry Robison	Bob Edgar	Nancy Tosta	
Carnation	Jim Berger	Lee Grumman		
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin		
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto/Jeff Wagner		
Des Moines	Melissa Musser	Jeanette Burrage		
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof		
Enumclaw	Mike Sando	Liz Reynolds		
Federal Way	Jeanne Burbidge	Dini Duclos		
Hunts Point				
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Paul Winterstein		
Kenmore	David Baker			
Kent	Bill Boyce	Dennis Higgins		
Kirkland	Toby Nixon	Amy Walen		
Lake Forest Park	Catherine Stanford	Tom French	Mary Jane Goss	
Maple Valley	Layne Barnes	Erin Weaver		
Medina				
Mercer Island	Tana Senn	Bruce Bassett		
Milton	Jim Manley	Debra Perry		
Newcastle	Lisa Jensen	Rich Crispo	John Drescher	
Normandy Park	Shawn McEvoy	Susan West		
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing		
Pacific	Leanne Guier	Vic Kave		
Redmond	Hank Margeson	John Stilin		
Renton	Ed Prince	Denis Law		
Sammamish	Tom Odell	Bob Keller		
SeaTac	Barry Ladenburg	Mia Gregerson		
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Chris Eggen		
Skykomish	Henry Sladek			
Snoqualmie	Kingston Wall	Matt Larson		
Tukwila	Kate Kruller			Kimberley Matej
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas			
SCA				Deanna Dawson Kristy Burwell Monica Whitman Doreen Booth

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

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Updated 1/6/2014

Major Assumptions

TBD revenue is based on the implementation of a \$60 license fee and 0.1% countywide sales tax.

40% of total TBD revenue would be allocated to cities and the unincorporated are based on population.

**Allocation to Local Jurisdictions
\$52,218,600**

Jurisdiction	Population Estimate (2013)¹	Population Percentage	2015 TBD Distribution
Algona	3,075	0.2%	\$81,000
Auburn (KC portion)	64,320	3.2%	\$1,694,700
Beaux Arts	290	0.0%	\$7,600
Bellevue	132,100	6.7%	\$3,480,500
Black Diamond	4,170	0.2%	\$109,900
Bothell (K.C.portion)	23,440	1.2%	\$617,600
Burien	48,030	2.4%	\$1,265,500
Carnation	1,785	0.1%	\$47,000
Clyde Hill	2,980	0.2%	\$78,500
Covington	18,100	0.9%	\$476,900
Des Moines	29,730	1.5%	\$783,300
Duvall	7,120	0.4%	\$187,600
Enumclaw	11,100	0.6%	\$292,500
Federal Way	89,720	4.5%	\$2,363,900
Hunts Point	395	0.0%	\$10,400
Issaquah	43,249	2.2%	\$1,139,500
Kenmore	21,170	1.1%	\$557,800
Kent	120,500	6.1%	\$3,174,900
Kirkland	81,730	4.1%	\$2,153,400
Lake Forest Park	12,680	0.6%	\$334,100
Maple Valley	23,910	1.2%	\$630,000
Medina	3,000	0.2%	\$79,000
Mercer Island	22,720	1.1%	\$598,600
Milton (K.C.portion)	840	0.0%	\$22,100
Newcastle	10,640	0.5%	\$280,300
Normandy Park	6,350	0.3%	\$167,300
North Bend	6,020	0.3%	\$158,600
Pacific	6,675	0.3%	\$175,900
Redmond	55,840	2.8%	\$1,471,300
Renton	95,540	4.8%	\$2,517,300
Sammamish	48,060	2.4%	\$1,266,300
SeaTac	27,310	1.4%	\$719,600
Seattle	626,600	31.6%	\$16,509,500
Shoreline	53,670	2.7%	\$1,414,100
Skykomish	195	0.0%	\$5,100
Snoqualmie	11,700	0.6%	\$308,300
Tukwila	19,160	1.0%	\$504,800
Woodinville	10,990	0.6%	\$289,600
Yarrow Point	1,015	0.1%	\$26,700
Cities Total:	1,745,919		
Uninc. King County:	235,981	11.9%	\$6,217,600
King County	1,981,900		

¹ Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2013 estimate, adjusted for annexations.