



## **SCA Public Issues Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**December 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM**

**Renton City Hall**

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

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

PIC Chair Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. 27 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included Mayor Bob Keller, Sammamish (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Don Gerend, Sammamish; Councilmember Martin Moore, Federal Way; and Councilmember-Elect Traci Buxton, Des Moines. Chair Marts requested that PIC Members and guests introduce themselves for the benefit of new attendees.

#### **2. Public Comment**

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

#### **3. Approval of the November 8, 2017 Minutes**

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to approve the November 8, 2017 PIC minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Marts provided his final report as PIC Chair and offered his appreciation to 2017 PIC Vice Chair Ed Prince and to SCA staff for their support. Chair Marts noted that the City of Issaquah is still considering PIC representation for 2018, but that he may be returning for Issaquah. Chair Marts underscored the strength of the dialog that takes place at PIC meetings, with members engaging in good faith and developing a strong comradery even as they sometimes disagree. Chair Marts contrasted this with dynamics at the national political level and noted that connecting with colleagues from other cities through the PIC provides an excellent model for leadership as members work together in a nonpartisan way to develop solutions that benefit all of King County.

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

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, provided a report. She thanked staff for their work in her absence while on leave. She informed PIC members of the results of SCA Board elections, including the election of new board members Mayor-elect Amy Ockerlander of Duvall (Snoqualmie Valley) and Mayor Bruce Bassett of Mercer Island (North), and the reelection of Mayor Leanne Guier of Pacific (South Valley); Mayor Nancy Backus of Auburn, Mayor Jim Ferrell of Federal Way, and Mayor-elect Dana Ralph of Kent (South); and Council President Hank

Margeson of Redmond and Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford of Lake Forest Park (North). She asked for volunteers to provide the "Did You Know" item for January, and Catherine Stanford volunteered to provide an item on Lake Forest Park. She thanked retiring PIC members, and made special note of Councilmember John Stilin of Redmond, who had regularly attended PIC as an alternate. She encouraged other cities to follow his example. She reported on a meeting earlier in the day with Executive Constantine. Topics included the Regional Transportation System Initiative and One Table, as well as juvenile justice reform. She inquired whether members would be interested in a presentation on the latter, and members responded in the affirmative.

## **6. Election of the 2018 PIC Chair and Vice Chair**

Dawson announced that the PIC Nominating Committee had elected Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific, as Committee Chair, and turned to her to give the report.

Guier thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work to consider 2018 nominations for PIC Chair and Vice Chair as well as regional boards and committees. For the position of 2018 PIC Chair, one name was put forward: Renton Councilmember Ed Prince. For the position of 2018 PIC Vice Chair, there was also one name put forward: Sammamish Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow.

Guier, moved, seconded by Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, to elect Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, as the 2018 PIC Chair and to elect Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, as 2018 PIC Vice Chair.

Chair Marts asked whether there were any additional nominations for the positions of 2018 PIC Chair and Vice Chair. Seeing none, Chair Marts asked the if there was any objection to dividing the motion. Seeing none, Chair Marts called for a vote on the motion to elect Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, as the 2018 PIC Chair.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Marts called for a vote on the motion to elect Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, as 2018 PIC Vice Chair.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7. Regional Board and Committee Appointments**

Mayor Leanne Guier, PIC Nominating Committee Chair, reported that the Nominating Committee met on December 1, 6, and 13, before the evening's PIC meeting, to consider 2018 SCA regional board and committee appointment recommendations. Guier distributed a handout correcting and updating the materials provided in the PIC packet listing the Nominating Committee's recommendations for 2018 appointments.

Guier highlighted two appointment recommendations and how they relate to the six-year term-limit for regional board and committee appointments that are contained in the SCA bylaws. Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, is being recommended for reappointment to the Puget Sound

Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Board as an alternate due to a number of retirements and the need for experience on the committee. The six-year term limit does not apply to those serving in an alternate position. Guier noted that the Nominating Committee is recommending Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, be appointed as a member to the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board in excess of the term limit so that SCA cities may retain the vice chair position on that committee, which would be in the best interests of SCA and its member cities. The SCA bylaws provide that "In extraordinary circumstances, the Board may make exceptions to the six-year term limit upon the recommendation of the PIC nominating committee and the PIC when a supermajority (2/3) of Board members present and voting at a meeting finds that doing so would be in the best interests of SCA and its member cities." The Nominating Committee found that the appointment of Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, to the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board would be in the best interests of SCA and its member cities.

Guier described the process utilized by the Nominating Committee when making appointments, including the consideration of geographic balance, and noted that all those applicants who applied for multiple boards or committees have been recommended by the Nominating Committee to receive at least one appointment. Guier and Dawson reviewed the changes and corrections to the Nominating Committee recommendations, as compared to materials included in the PIC packet, and Guier noted the recommendations of the PIC Nominating Committee from their meeting that evening.

The Nominating Committee recommended that the PIC approve and recommend to the Board the appointments contained in [Attachment B](#).

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, moved, seconded by Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, to recommend to the Board of Directors the Regional Board and Committee Appointments contained in [Attachment B](#) be approved and recommended to the SCA Board.

There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Marts thanked the Nominating Committee for their work reviewing applications and putting forward recommendations. Dawson noted that appointments to the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County (EDC) will be made by the EDC Board at its first meeting of 2018.

## **8. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County**

Brian Parry, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported on upcoming levies and ballot measures in King County. He noted that the countywide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) levy renewal ordinance has been transmitted to the County Council. The proposed ordinance would place the renewal of AFIS on the April 2018 special election ballot. The AFIS Program is managed by the King County Sheriff's Office, and promotes public safety by providing the technology and resources to solve crimes and identify criminals by collecting, storing, searching, and identifying fingerprints and palm prints. The proposed ordinance would authorize a six-year property tax levy at a rate of 3.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, raising approximately \$126.2 million. The current levy expires on December 31, 2018. The current AFIS levy rate is

approximately 4.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value and was originally approved in 2012 at a rate of \$5.9 cents per \$1,000.

Parry highlighted that many local school districts will have levies on the February 2018 special election ballot as identified in the staff report and asked members to provide information on any additional levies or ballot measures to share in future reports. Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, said that the Issaquah School District recently decided to lower their proposed maintenance and operations levy proposal from \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$1.13 in 2019 and \$1.33 in 2020. Councilmember Katherine Ross, Snoqualmie, said that the Snoqualmie Valley School District would also have a maintenance and operations levy on the ballot (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value). Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, said that the Kent School District would also have a levy on the ballot. Councilmember Janie Edelman said that Black Diamond would have a recall election in February. Chair Marts said that there have been many discussions between local members of the legislature and the Issaquah School District about recent changes to state law affecting school funding that led to the change in the levy rate proposed by the district. Councilmember Erin Sitterley, SeaTac, said that Highline Public Schools will have a maintenance and operations levy on the ballot with a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value and that the current levy rate is \$3.38 per \$1,000. Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, highlighted the Land Conservation Initiative listed under potential future countywide ballot measures in the SCA staff report. He said that the most likely proposal to come forward is an increase in the conservation futures property tax rate to its statutory maximum of \$0.0625 (6.25 cents) per \$1,000 in assessed value from its current rate of just over four cents per \$1,000.

## **9. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues**

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that regional caucus meetings were held December 6 for the South and South Valley Caucuses, and December 7 for the North and Snoqualmie Valley Caucuses. During those meetings, members elected SCA board members and discussed issues they would like to focus on in 2018. Dawson provided a summary of the discussions from each meeting, with the South and South Valley meeting primarily focusing on homelessness, behavioral health, economic development, infrastructure funding, and growth. During the North and Snoqualmie Valley meeting, growth and affordable housing, transit, traffic, and gun violence were primary topics of discussion. Dawson requested feedback on how members would like to approach holding caucus meetings in 2018, and encouraged members who were at the caucus meetings to share additional details from the discussions they found most interesting or important.

Councilmember Ross Loudanback, North Bend, noted that the potential countywide tax to fund land conservation and its relationship to other regional priorities was discussed at the North and Snoqualmie Valley Caucus.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, said that she appreciated the format and robust discussion from the North and Snoqualmie Valley Caucus meeting and highlighted the themes of housing affordability and ensuring that local elected officials are thinking to the future in their decision-making.

Councilmember John Holman, Auburn, spoke to the need to highlight city successes and also to act with an eye toward what will be needed for the next generation. Holman also recommended Dr. Peter Sandman's book [\*Responding to Community Outrage\*](#) as a resource for more effectively communicating with the public about difficult challenges cities face.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, listed transportation, emergency management, and homelessness as key issues and that it is important for the congressional delegation from King County to hear from SCA members about these and other significant issues to the region. Chair Marts spoke to the importance of such engagement and the significance of federal funding for local affordable housing and other projects. Wen suggested inviting members of the Congressional delegation to be guests at upcoming events.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, reported that legislation removing city authority to regulate small cell technology located in the public right-of-way is anticipated to resurface during this coming legislative session. Kruller encouraged cities to become engaged on this issue.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, reported that Kenmore has been engaged on the issue of small cell technology and was among the first cities to adopt an ordinance on the issue, but that there is concern that state legislation could preempt city authority.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, highlighted infrastructure as a topic of discussion from the North caucus meeting and stated that upcoming infrastructure needs will be expensive and must be considered when weighing the list of forthcoming tax measures.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, agreed that infrastructure funding is a priority, noting the immense cost of simply maintaining what is already in place. Roberts also suggested a pre-PIC workshop on the proposed Washington State Voting Rights Act under consideration by members of the Legislature, and new requirements it may place on cities. Dawson confirmed member interest in the topic and stated that staff will work to identify an appropriate presenter.

Dawson added that a "PIC 101" pre-PIC workshop is typically held in January or February to orient new members and requested feedback on timing. Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, suggested waiting until February to ensure new PIC members were selected, and other PIC members agreed.

Mayor John Stokes, Bellevue, noted SCA's strong capacity for influence with the Legislature and the importance of having the agility to quickly coalesce around shared positions during the legislative session. Stokes reported on a recent Master Builders Association meeting where their legislative priorities were presented. He noted that much of their agenda is centered on issues of housing affordability, including condominium liability reform. Dawson noted that the MBA has expressed interest in partnering with SCA.

Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, reported that the City of Renton will take up small cell legislation in 2018 and will share the ordinance with interested cities.









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| <b>City</b>             | <b>Representative</b>                           | <b>Alternate</b>                                   |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Algona</b>           | Dave Hill                                       | Bill Thomas  |
| <b>Auburn</b>           | Nancy Backus                                    | John Holman  |
| Beaux Arts Village      | Tom Stowe                                       | Richard Leider                                     |
| <b>Bellevue</b>         | John Stokes                                     | Kevin Wallace                                      |
| <b>Black Diamond</b>    | Janie Edelman                                   | Tamie Deady  |
| <b>Bothell</b>          | James McNeal                                    | Tris Samberg                                       |
| Burien                  | Austin Bell                                     | Nancy Tosta  |
| Carnation               | Dustin Green                                    | Jim Berger   |
| <b>Clyde Hill</b>       | Barre Seibert                                   | George Martin                                      |
| <b>Covington</b>        | Fran Hollums                                    | Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.                                |
| <b>Des Moines</b>       | Robert Back                                     | Melissa Musser                                     |
| <b>Duvall</b>           | Amy Ockerlander                                 | Will Ibershof                                      |
| Enumclaw                | Jan Molinaro                                    | Mike Sando   |
| <b>Federal Way</b>      | Lydia Assefa-Dawson                             | Dini Duclos  |
| Hunts Point             | Joseph Sabey                                    |  |
| <b>Issaquah</b>         | Tola Marts                                      | Mariah Bettise                                     |
| <b>Kenmore</b>          | David Baker                                     | Nigel Herbig                                       |
| <b>Kent</b>             | Bill Boyce                                      | Dana Ralph   |
| <b>Kirkland</b>         | Toby Nixon                                      |  |
| <b>Lake Forest Park</b> | Catherine Stanford                              | Tom French   |
| Maple Valley            | Erin Weaver                                     | Bill Allison                                       |
| <b>Medina</b>           | Sheree Wen                                      |  |
| <b>Mercer Island</b>    | Benson Wong                                     | Wendy Weiker                                       |
| Milton                  | Susan Johnson                                   | Debra Perry  |
| <b>Newcastle</b>        | Rich Crispo                                     | Carol Simpson                                      |
| Normandy Park           | Michelle Sipes-Marvin                           | Jonathan Chicquette                                |
| <b>North Bend</b>       | Ross Loudenback                                 | Ken Hearing  |
| <b>Pacific</b>          | Leanne Guier                                    | David Storaasli                                    |
| <b>Redmond</b>          | Hank Margeson                                   | John Stilin  |
| <b>Renton</b>           | Ed Prince                                       | Armondo Pavone                                     |
| <b>Sammamish</b>        | Christie Malchow                                | Bob Keller   |
| <b>SeaTac</b>           | Erin Sitterley                                  | Pam Fernald  |
| <b>Shoreline</b>        | Chris Roberts                                   | Keith Scully                                       |
| Skykomish               | Henry Sladek                                    |  |
| <b>Snoqualmie</b>       | Katherine Ross                                  | Matt Larson  |
| <b>Tukwila</b>          | Kate Kruller                                    | Thomas McLeod                                      |
| Woodinville             | Bernie Talmas                                   | Susan Boundy-Sanders                               |
| Yarrow Point            | Dicker Cahill                                   |  |
| SCA                     | Deanna Dawson<br>Cynthia Foley<br>Caitlin Magee | Brian Parry<br>Ella Williams<br>Ellie Wilson-Jones |

Voting members are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.