

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
July 13, 2007

PRESENT: Connie Ladenburg, Chair (Tacoma City Council)
Spiro Manthou (Tacoma City Council)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Kurt Miller (Tacoma School Board)
Victoria Woodards (Metropolitan Park Board)
Timothy Farrell (Pierce County Council)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)
Lorraine Wilson (Tacoma School District)
Minutes taken by City of Tacoma

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Connie Ladenburg called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Kurt Miller **moved for the adoption of the agenda.** Victoria Woodards seconded. The chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Victoria Woodards **moved for the approval of the minutes.** Kurt Miller seconded. The chair declared the motion carried.

LEARNING SUMMIT

Kurt Miller reported the follow-up meeting at the South Park Community Center went very well. He stated there was discussion as to what can be done in the next years to keep the momentum going. The participants broke into 5 groups to discuss different issues and hear ideas. Also, discussed was how can JMAC ensure the follow-through continues and develop a group to network, without duplicating other programs. Spiro Manthou asked if there were identifiable things to show what has been done and if there were action items.

Chair Ladenburg stated also to come out of the summit were focus areas. A partnership in cluster areas is the format that is being looked at, and also develop a team to come up with action plans. The summit was a gathering of information and ideas, now those ideas need to be solidified into action plans. We are in the process of setting up meetings with higher education institution leaders to see if they will take a

leadership role. Alisa O'Hanlon reported on half day retreat she learned about from the City's Community and Economic Development Department.

Timothy Farrell arrived at 8:16 a.m.

Tim Reid asked if a staff support person should be found as JMAC's role is expanded. Chair Ladenburg stated the summit needs a home. The talks with the education community are to see if they might be willing to provide oversight staff.

Kurt Miller inquired about the Joint City Council/JMAC Study Session scheduled for August 28. Chair Ladenburg stated the plan was to make a presentation on the Learning Summit and on the follow-up meeting and identify the action steps.

SPAREX/TACOMA YOUTH SERVICES COALITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE –
moved to next month's agenda

2007 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW, 2008 JOINT LEGISLATIVE GOALS

A copy of the 2007 JMAC Legislative Agenda Review was handed out to Committee members. Nancy Davis stated the legislative staff reviewed items from last year, and the results. She reported the voter approved levy lid lift passed. The next item, the Alcohol Impact Areas, both the City and Metro Parks are supporting the effort to expand the areas. Nancy stated the legislative agenda is making a statement that the joint jurisdictions want to continue to support that effort.

Alisa O'Hanlon reported on the offender and sex offender legislation that passed. There is an ad hoc group looking at putting together a better system to look at maintenance of the offenders during the transition period. There was discussion on funding for services, the requirements of "fair share", and returning offenders to the county of their first offence or origin.

Lorraine Wilson reported on safe school routes. The state is taking a comprehensive look at re-doing the student transportation funding. There is an interim increase in funding while the state develops a student transportation funding formula that takes into account actual miles driven, and the safety of student walking routes. This also supports fitness goals for the community.

Nancy Davis reported on Metro Parks. Funding was received for the South Tacoma facility. McKinley Park did not receive funding. The Red Wolf Relocation process is being worked on at the federal level. The streamlined sales tax passed which will be a plus for the County and Metro Parks.

Lorraine Wilson commented on the Tacoma School District priorities, a fair amount of funding went into the system, not just for new programs, but to provide basic

improvements to the structure of education funding. She continued education reform is still on track, and the formulas for special education are being worked on.

Alisa O'Hanlon stated on the City of Tacoma capital projects, funding for the Murray Morgan Bridge was retained. Cheney Stadium received funding as did the Salishan restoration project. Environmental priorities – The Puget Sound Partnership has been created to replace the current organizations. She stated there were problems with the B&O Tax portion.

Nancy Davis asked if the Committee members would like to set a time line for a draft to be finished concerning the year's legislative issues. Metro Parks usually looks at September. Chair Ladenburg stated she would get together with other staff to draft ideas for next's months meeting.

Victoria Woodards asked if a date should be set for the legislative luncheon. There was discussion on holding the luncheon in October and use September to finalize the agenda. It was asked if the County would consider being the host, and Metro Parks would take the lead on the luncheon.

TPS PAYMENT FOR SUMMIT

Kurt Miller reported there is work on an agreement between the school district and Greater Tacoma Community Foundation to show what the monies were being used for.

FLASHING LIGHTS FOR SCHOOL ZONES

Chair Ladenburg stated some of the schools have flashing lights and some have been purchased through the Innovative Grant program. A strong policy regarding flashing lights in the school zone needs to be developed. Eventually there will be a camera program in school zones and intersections to record speeding cars. The sign policy and standards currently in place need to be more effective. There was brief discussion on the funding.

CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS

Nancy Davis stated at the Metro Parks level it was felt there was a clear message from the Committee of the Whole that there was to be a process set during the budget to take on cost comparisons. There will be meetings at the staff level and then get the board involved. It was suggested in August, JMAC go back to holding contract meetings after the regular meeting. There will be draft language prepared to generate discussion with the CEOs. There was discussion on extending the August meeting.

MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

Nancy Davis asked if everyone could check if October 19 would be a good date for the legislative luncheon, or possibly October 26 if there are conflicts.

Spiro Manthou reported he had followed-up with Eric Anderson on the surplus property notification. Mr. Anderson will be meeting with Ethelda Burke of the Tacoma School District.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Learning Summit
- SPARX/Tacoma Youth Services Coalition Oversight Committee
- Draft Legislative Issues

SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on August 10, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the 11th Floor Conference Room -- Quarterly meeting with the CEOs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Note: Minutes for August will be taken by City of Tacoma.