

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
Quarterly Meeting
August 10, 2007**

PRESENT: Debbie Winskill, Vice Chair (Tacoma School Board)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Kurt Miller (Tacoma School Board)
Victoria Woodards (Metropolitan Park Board)
Timothy Farrell (Pierce County Council)
Eric Anderson (City of Tacoma)
Randy Lewis (City of Tacoma)
Wayne Williams for Jack Wilson (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Dr. Arthur O. Jarvis (Tacoma School District)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)
Lorraine Wilson (Tacoma School District)
Roxanne Miles (Metro Parks Tacoma)
George Walk (Pierce County)
Minutes taken by City of Tacoma

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Debbie Winskill called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting participants introduced themselves.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Tim Reid **moved for the adoption of the agenda.** Kurt Miller seconded. The vice chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

LEARNING SUMMIT

Kurt Miller reported there is a Joint City Council/JMAC Study Session on August 28 at noon. There will be a presentation on the Learning Summit at that time. On June 27 there was a follow-up meeting with about 40 participants. The topic was where we

go from here for the next year. There were great discussions and a PowerPoint presentation. The question still is where do we go from here? In order to keep the momentum, who should be brought into the discussion? Kurt stated he was encouraged by the participation and interest shown by Pacific Lutheran University.

Tim Reid asked about the funding. Kurt Miller stated there was one more invoice.

SPAREX/TACOMA YOUTH SERVICES COALITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Roxanne Miles handed out a copy of the Youth Development: Collaborative Service Delivery Model to Committee members and began with a review of the meeting held previously with JMAC. She stated this is the final year under the agreement. So there needs to be conversations regarding what the program might look like, also what needs to be done this year. The City was interested in the Youth Violence initiative and put a team together to look at that. As there has been a broader interest in the youth initiative, the SPARX program moved to the forefront. The request is for an oversight group to look at SPARX to see if the City would like to continue contributing.

Timothy Farrell arrived at 8:20 a.m.

Roxanne Miles continued the suggestion is to take the current youth violence work group and have the focus be broader than just the youth violence initiative. She stated some action items might fit within the JMAC. Another issue is truancy prevention.

Eric Anderson stated as the process has been worked through, the group has come together and brought a lot of different programs together and found they had the same issues. The focus has been on youth violence and gang prevention.

Tim Reid asked if the City was proposing the creation of a subcommittee from JMAC to do the oversight or was the suggestion to report to the whole JMAC. Eric Anderson replied report to the whole JMAC. It is at the whole JMAC where all the policy people get together. Then the policies and direction can go back to the various boards.

Tim Reid asked if the funding mechanism would be expanded. Eric Anderson answered not at this time keep it where it is right now and go forward. There is a good system of evaluation and feedback from some of the academics.

Victoria Woodards stated part of the initial discussion at the administrative level was about being able to pass some of that responsibility around in terms of leadership of that particular group and is that still an issue. Roxanne Miles asked if it was Tacoma Youth Services and answered yes. Roxanne continued the Youth Violence group seems to be working very well and has regular communication with the CEOs. That is where the framing of the understanding of funding, what works, and who is bring what to

the table. The Tacoma Youth Services could fit into this. There was discussion on the Tacoma Youth Services Coalition and the CEOs reporting back to JMAC.

Tim Reid stated sometime in the future JMAC will need to formally adopt an oversight position. For the first six months or so it would work informally. When it is more formal, then it would come back to JMAC to make a formal resolution or motion to be the committee that provides the oversight. Eric Anderson answered yes. Eric continued part of the problem is there are other boards involved and the representatives work for those boards and not for JMAC. The CEOs would report back to JMAC and it may or may not be a formal structure at first.

Vice Chair Debbie Winskill stated a line item can periodically be added to the quarterly agenda for the CEOs report.

Roxanne Miles stated the next action step would be for the CEO oversight group to have a conversation with the implementation support group about the different initiatives and how they interact.

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Nancy Davis began with a review of previous discussions. She stated the date for the legislative luncheon is still tentative and October 5 has been suggested. Chambers Bay has been suggested as a potential site and Victoria Woodards is confirming the site. Committee members stated there were conflicts with October 5. There was discussion on scheduling the luncheon on October 12. Nancy continued Metro Parks has offered to contact and invite the legislators as soon as there is a location. She asked for agenda items to be sent to her to compile for the Committee's review prior to the luncheon.

Tim Reid asked if they were limited to Pierce County delegates. Nancy Davis answered typically there have been Pierce County delegates and any capital budget staff have been invited as well. Timothy Farrell stated the delegates from Federal Way the 30th District should be invited.

Lorraine Wilson handed out a copy of the draft Tacoma Public Schools 2008 Legislative Priorities and stated Resolution 4204 is going to be on the ballot this fall. It would allow a constitutional amendment that would allow school districts to pass levies with a simple majority rather than a super majority. Lorraine continued there are two identified legislative priorities. The first is education reform. There is continued support for standards and accountability for the system. Another task force has been formed to look at what the State requires in terms of basic education and what is a reasonable way to fund that. In addition, the Legislature also put funding into reforming the special education funding formula. There continues to be support for transportation funding.

Randy Lewis stated there will be a bill introduced to record executive sessions. He continued the Legislature is considering infrastructure project funding in 2008. Also, being considered are some economic development tools and ideas.

George Walk stated some of the issues that will be dealt with are military and veterans, and clear zone funding for McChord Air Force Base. There is an auto theft bill and the juvenile court has major concern with what passed. It has mandatory detention. Timothy Farrell asked for the definition of detention. George answered the package is still being put together and he will look into it. George continued another issue the City may be interested in is 32 counties have a sales tax credit for economic development and the larger counties don't qualify. Another issue is mental health and mental health funding in this community. On the capital side, there is ongoing support for Cheney Stadium. There will continue to be conversations regarding the pedestrian overpass for the Chambers Creek property. There are two miles of public beach and no fee will be charged for its use. The next item is the Ashford Community Center which received \$800,000. Work continues on the mountaineering museum, although there is a tourism issue as well as community issues.

Nancy Davis reported on Metro Parks and handed out the Metro Parks Tacoma 2008 Draft State Legislative Agenda. The top capital priority is going to be continued funding for the South Tacoma Community Center. Another item is the elimination of super majority for excess levies. Work is continuing on plans for Titlow Park and the salmon recovery funding. Work also continues on expanding the alcohol impact areas. Funding is being sought for the anti-obesity and healthy communities programs. Nancy continued there is support for the county's sales tax proposal for trails, open space, and park's maintenance. George Walk stated this is not the county's proposal. It is coming out of Forever Green. Timothy Farrell stated there will be a county-wide measure dealing with purchase of open space and transfer and purchase of development rights on the ballot in 2008.

Randy Lewis asked about the excise real estate tax. He stated the proposal needs to be worded correctly. As it is, it appears there is a threat to the City's excise tax. Nancy Davis replied there have been discussions on this issue and the wording of the document.

MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

Wayne Williams reported on Metro Parks contract negotiations with the City. He stated the direction is to confirm the goal to centralize all Tacoma parks and recreation services within Metro Parks. There have been conversations with the City to bring clarity and definition. As a result, Metro Parks would begin to define services, location, and venues. An inventory of locations and assets has begun. Also, there have been discussions on the transitional period, possible new revenue sources, specific action steps and timeline.

Tim Reid stated policy makers should not be negotiating details in a contract. That is a staff issue and policy direction needs to be given to staff. The policy issue should be at the end. That is what brought about this change in the direction of the negotiations. It is an important issue with each jurisdiction that the CEO will be doing the actual negotiations.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Learning Summit
- Legislative Luncheon
- Legislative Issues

SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the 12th Floor Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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