

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
November 9, 2007**

PRESENT:

Connie Ladenburg, Chair (Tacoma City Council)
Debbie Winskill, Vice Chair (Tacoma School Board)
Spiro Manthou (Tacoma City Council)
Mike Lonergan (Tacoma City Council)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Kurt Miller (Tacoma School Board)
Victoria Woodards (Metro Parks Board)
Eric Anderson (City of Tacoma)
Jack C. Wilson (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Dr. Arthur O. Jarvis (Tacoma School District)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Lorraine Wilson (Tacoma School District)
Percy Jones, Jr. (City of Tacoma)
Peter Guzman (City of Tacoma)
Minutes taken by Metro Parks Tacoma

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice Chair, Debbie Winskill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions were made to the meeting agenda: South Tacoma Community Center, Complimentary Learning.

The agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of November 9, 2007 minutes were moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

Council Member Ladenburg arrived and assumed her role as chair.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

Council Member Mike Lonergan gave a brief introduction of his recent involvement with the City's apprenticeship programs.

Peter Guzman, the City's LEAP Coordinator was introduced. Mr. Guzman distributed and highlighted the City's LEAP program workplan. The committee discussed the benefits provided to contractors and workers through this program. It was noted that currently Metro Parks has a similar program in place, and that soon state law will

require the school district to have a program in place. Mr. Guzman and Council Member Lonergan reported on the City's collaboration with Work Force Development Council and programs in the local high schools.

Percy Jones, HUB Coordinator for the City gave a brief history and overview of the program. Mr. Jones distributed a list of the City's HUB bid awards and vendors for the last six years. Mr. Jones and Mr. Guzman urged members of JMAC to have its members consider working together on a coordinated program approach in regards to LEAP and HUB. Eric Anderson encouraged other committee members to review the program and consider having all the coordination done through one office. Jack Wilson stated he's supportive of the concept but review of the details of the current city program would need to be done. Council Member Ladenburg recommended that JMAC members go back to their Boards to pass a motion supporting a coordination approach on the issue.

Council Member Manthou moved to have each entity pass a formal motion supporting a coordinated apprenticeship program, with oversight provided by JMAC; seconded by Commissioner Woodards, and passed unanimously.

LEARNING SUMMIT

Kurt Miller stated that the school board has a work session planned for November 29th to develop a process around responding to community issues that were raised as a result of the learning summit.

There was brief committee discussion regarding the upcoming focus group being facilitated by the United Way, focusing on childhood education and development. Victoria Woodards stated that there is a real need to develop a complete inventory of these sorts of efforts happening in the community.

LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON DEBRIEF

The committee discussed the request made by Senator Franklin to do some prioritizing of the joint legislative agenda for JMAC.

Council Member Lonergan noted that JMAC may want to consider a formula for levy lid lifts on their joint agenda.

Council Member Ladenburg moved to add the use of a price deflator formula for a levy lid lift to the JMAC joint legislative agenda - seconded and passed unanimously.

After some committee discussion it was agreed governmental staff from each agency would meet to work on the prioritization and report out at the next meeting.

SOUTH TACOMA COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

At the request of several committee members, Jack Wilson noted that MPT staff is working on a campus concept for the project along with the Boys & Girls Club and the

Tacoma School District. He further stated that MPT is working on securing more funding in addition to the 2005 bond funds. Mr. Wilson stated he would come to December JMAC to give the committee a full status report on the project.

Committee members requested that since Mr. Wilson will be presenting on the community center at the next meeting that both the City Manger and Superintendent attend as well.

COMPLIMENTARY LEARNING

Dr. Jarvis spoke about the Harvard Complimentary Learning Concept. He described the concept as the idea that a systemic approach—which intentionally integrates both school and non-school supports—can better ensure that all children have the skills they need to succeed.

OTHER

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- South Tacoma Community Center
- Prioritization of JMAC Legislative Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chair Connie Ladenburg at 9:40 a.m.

SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

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

Note: Minutes for December will be taken by Metro Parks