

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
February 8, 2008**

PRESENT:

Debbie Winskill, Chair (Tacoma School Board)
Victoria Woodards, Vice Chair (Metro Parks Board)
Connie Ladenburg (Tacoma City Council)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Kurt Miller (Tacoma School Board)
Timothy Farrell (Pierce County Council)
Marilyn Strickland (Tacoma City Council)
Jack C. Wilson (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Dr. Arthur O. Jarvis (Tacoma School District)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Don Johnson (Port of Tacoma)
Minutes taken by City of Tacoma

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Chair Debbie Winskill.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the January 11, 2008, minutes were moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

JMAC MINUTES TO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Kurt Miller stated he had attended a neighborhood council meeting and the thought was the JMAC minutes could be sent to the council presidents and they could disseminate the information. Tim Reid stated he believed it would be better to send the minutes to all the neighborhood council board members. There was discussion on distributing the minutes through the City's neighborhood council staff member and also through the City's website.

There was discussion on adding JMAC to the City's website and posting the minutes. Also, it was suggested the park district and school district have a link on their websites to that homepage. It was suggested there be a link in the "Grapevine" publication. Alisa O'Hanlon stated she will ask Community Relations to set up the website.

FEBRUARY JOINT STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Cheney Master Plan - Connie Ladenburg reviewed an email she had received regarding issues such as cost, feasibility of developing the site, the overall vision for the site, zoning issues, transportation and access, and both the residential and business impact on the stadium. The current cost projection for phase one is between \$100,000 and \$150,000. Mike Combs from the Tacoma Dome is working with staff from the Economic Development department.

Timothy Farrell arrived at 8:16 a.m.

Jack Wilson stated he appreciated the scope of the project. Also all entities need to be synchronized and there needs to be high level visioning as to what is possible.

Alisa O'Hanlon stated the first phase is to determine the costs, the cost of a feasibility study, and make a determination whether to pursue the study.

Victoria Woodards stated she felt because there is some anxiety from citizens there needs to be clear direction regarding the costs. Right now ideas are being explored and they will be presented to the citizens. It was stated a master plan needs to be created, step two is the vision, and the scope needs to be developed. There was discussion on understanding the sequence of the project, the public process, and future sustainable funding. The Committee also discussed the possible concerns of neighbors regarding traffic, noise, landscaping, and demographics.

Don Johnson stated any presentation should show various pictorial visions of what the project could look like and the positive benefits to the neighbors.

Arthur Jarvis stated there are some problems to be solved. The different government entities need to work together.

The Committee will discuss further the timeline for results, anticipated outcomes, and comments and questions after the presentation at the Joint Study Session.

Review of Year's Work and Schedule of Upcoming Events – Connie Ladenburg stated usually there is a presentation on the accomplishments and what the Committee plans to work on during the year, i.e. Get Smart. A representative from each entity will make a presentation on their respective organization. Victoria Woodards stated last year the Committee had agreed to be the oversight group for the Youth Services Coalition. However, that contact person has left so there needs to be further discussion on how to proceed.

Get Smart Tacoma Update – Kurt Miller will have a handout and give the presentation and summary.

MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

Connie Ladenburg stated that during various discussions on the City Council regarding education and schools, there seems to be some misunderstanding about the level of involvement the school district has in the community. The City Council would like to invite the school district to make a presentation at one of the Study Sessions, especially in regards to community involvement in after-school programs and those kinds of things. Not necessarily about curriculum but more about community interaction, and also discuss the partnerships the school district has. City staff will work on an invitation. The Committee would also like a report on the Harvard trip.

Chair Winskill asked about demographics. The Committee would like to hear from the City and the school district regarding changing demographics with the buildings that are going in at Tacoma Mall, and Salishan, etc., and how that is going to impact the population. How many students are going to be coming into the school district? These numbers also affect the park district and the parks. It was suggested the Committee invite a staff person from the Economic Development department. Alisa O'Hanlon refreshed the Committee that the City does not forecast. Staff can present information and data. This topic will be discussed at the next quarterly meeting with the CEOs.

Jack Wilson handed out a copy of a demographic analysis prepared by the Business and Operational Support Department of Metro Parks.

Arthur Jarvis stated that he had become aware of Senate Bill 5450 which is addressing the issue of performance audit costs for the agencies, and the reimbursement to the agencies for the cost of the performance audit.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting of March 14, 2008, will be canceled and rescheduled to Friday, March 21, 2008.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- Brief Discussion on Demographics
- Joint City Council Study Session Meeting
- Update on JMAC Website

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 21, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. in the 12th Floor Conference Room.

Note: Minutes for March will be taken by Tacoma School District.