

**Minutes**  
**Joint Municipal Action Committee**  
**July 11, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Debbie Winskill, Chair (Tacoma School Board)  
Victoria Woodards, Vice Chair (Metropolitan Park Board)  
Connie Ladenburg (City of Tacoma)  
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)  
Connie Rickman (Tacoma School Board)  
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)  
George Walk (Pierce County)  
Martha Anderson (City of Tacoma)  
Rob McNair-Huff (City of Tacoma)  
Christian Clegg (City of Tacoma)  
Ronda Cornforth (City of Tacoma)  
Stuart Young (BCRA)  
Minutes taken by Metro Parks Tacoma

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Debbie Winskill called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The Committee members introduced themselves.

School Board member Connie Rickman was presented and noted she would now be taking the place of Kurt Miller as the second Tacoma School Board member on the JMAC.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as published.

**19<sup>th</sup> & TYLER SITE – TITLE REPORT AND COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATE**

Martha Anderson began the update by stating that the public meetings were well attended estimating about 40 people attending including repeat attendees at the second meeting. Rob McNair-Huff reported that the City's communications staff is preparing responses to the questions and comments raised at the two public meetings.

Mr. McNair-Huff estimated that the responses would be ready by the middle of next week. He noted that distribution of the responses would be via mail & e-mail to all those who attended the public meetings as well as being posted on the JMAC web page on the City's web-site. Mr. McNair-Huff indicated that the common themes in the comments heard at both public meetings were that citizens are concerned about and want to keep their green space.

Ronda Cornforth of the City stated that she is in the process of reviewing deed reports of the property related to this study and has found no "red flags" at this point that indicate that there are restrictions on the use of said property.

Martha Anderson reported that there is a joint JMAC/City Council study session planned for July 29, 2008 at noon. The study session agenda will include a wrap-up from BCRA on the findings of the two public meetings.

Connie Rickman expressed some concern over the City taking the lead on this study since they own the smallest amount of property on the site. Council Member Ladenburg stated that since the City does own Cheney Stadium they are highly interested in the operation of the area, including economic development potential.

Victoria Woodards commented that she would have liked to have seen the public meetings a bit more focused. Stuart Young of BCRA stated that this format was helpful in allowing the citizens to express all of their concerns about any future planning for the site. Mr. Young commented the Park Board should let the public know if this site is or is not being considered as a future site for the Titlow pool replacement.

It was suggested by Committee members that public meeting attendees and Rainier ownership should also be invited to the joint study session being held on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

JMAC members requested that at the July 29<sup>th</sup> study session that BCRA come forward with recommendations and associated costs on potential next steps for consideration.

### **HAVARD- GET SMART TACOMA UPDATE**

Council Member Ladenburg stated that the groups who worked with the Get Smart Tacoma Summit and those from the school district who have been involved in the Harvard learning program have decided to work together under the new name of Tacoma 360. She stated that the purpose of this effort is to encourage complimentary learning in schools with help from the community including local businesses, agencies, and partners.

Connie Rickman suggested an audit of what groups, agencies, and businesses are currently involved in the local schools.

Victoria Woodards stated that the next phase of this effort will be focusing on the highest priorities that came out of the summit findings.

## **DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS**

### **July 29<sup>th</sup> Joint JMAC Study Session**

The study session will start at noon and last 1.5 hours. Agenda items will be 19<sup>th</sup> & Tyler Site, and Tacoma 360.

### **JMAC Membership**

Council Member Ladenburg reported that Council Member Strickland has requested that a representative from Libraries be invited to sit on the JMAC. Members were supportive of inviting a library representative to attend on a quarterly basis - similar to the Port of Tacoma.

### **Future Bonds & Levies**

Debbie Winskill noted that the school district has not fully decided if they will be going out for a bond in the winter of 2009.

### **June 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

Tim Reid corrected the June 13, 2008 minutes. He noted that under the Wapato Lake section that the last sentence should read "The treatment will last 3-5 years".

## **AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

- 19<sup>th</sup> & Tyler Site
- Tacoma 360
- Demographics

## **SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, August 8, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 248.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Note: Minutes for August will be taken by Metro Parks Tacoma