

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
September 12, 2008

PRESENT: Debbie Winskill, Chair (Tacoma School Board)
Victoria Woodards, Vice Chair (Metropolitan Park Board)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Connie Rickman (Tacoma School Board)
Marilyn Strickland for Connie Ladenburg (City of Tacoma)
Jack Wilson (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)
Alisa O 'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Shon Sylvia (Metro Parks Tacoma)
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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

School Board Member Rickman requested that the 25 Things We Love about Tacoma brochure be added to the agenda. Commissioner Reid moved adoption of the agenda as amended; seconded by School Board Member Rickman and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as published.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Nancy Davis indicated that Metro Parks Staff has been meeting with the Governor's budget staff. She indicated that Metro Parks Tacoma's capital request for this session will be funding for the South Tacoma Community Center.

Chair Debbie Winskill stated that the Tacoma School District will be monitoring legislation related to sexual predators and mandates on academic curriculum issues.

Alisa O'Hanlon stated that the City is continuing to develop their legislative agenda but will be requesting capital funding for the Murray Morgan Bridge project.

Council Member Farrell commented that the County is still developing their agenda noting that a lot will depend on the outcome of the upcoming elections.

There was general agreement that JMAC agencies would be willing to support legislation related to healthy communities, climate protection, and anti-obesity.

SOUTH TACOMA COMMUNITY CENTER

Shon Sylvia stated that MPT's community center will be a component of a campus concept. Mr. Sylvia distributed a milestones timeline for the community center project and informed the Committee of the work MPT staff is doing including site and program development. Mr. Sylvia highlighted that work is also being done to develop methods for sustainable revenue at the site.

Council Member Farrell suggested that MPT work closely with the City and the County during the planning stages for the center since there will be lots of changes happening in the south end of Tacoma in the next few years.

Jack Wilson indicated that Metro Parks will need help to secure the remaining funding for the center. A one pager highlighting the current funding and costs was distributed.

As a means for garnering support for the project, Committee members also suggested that walk-throughs be coordinated for Gray Middle School along with the community center site. Committee members briefly discussed possible partners for the site. Chair Winskill suggested briefing members of the WIAA on the project. She also suggested running a story on plans for the center in the TSD newsletter.

Jack Wilson reported that the current Manitou site is now operated by a tenant. He noted that the district will need to conduct a feasibility study on the higher and better use for Manitou once the new community center is completed.

TACOMA 360

Council Member Strickland briefly reviewed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Tacoma 360 proposed concept. She noted the mission of the concept is to shrink the achievement gap. The Committee briefly discussed the proposed organization chart for Tacoma 360. Council Member Strickland also stated that the purpose of Tacoma 360 is not to add another layer of bureaucracy but to provide oversight and coordination of all the components of the community needed to ensure student success.

Council Member Strickland further commented that key stakeholders will be asked to financially support Tacoma 360 and its executive director.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

In the interest of time Chair Winskill requested that future agenda items be sent to her.

SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 10, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the 12 Floor Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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