

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
Quarterly Meeting
August 14, 2015

PRESENT

Erik Hanberg, Metro Parks Tacoma – Vice Chair
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma
Kurt Miller, Tacoma Public Schools
Anders Ibsen, City of Tacoma
Connie Ladenburg, Pierce County
Jack Wilson, Metro Parks
T.C. Broadnax, City of Tacoma
Carla Santorno, Tacoma Public Schools

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Erik Hanberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance were guests: Nancy Davis, Metro Parks; Hunter George, Metro Parks; Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma; Derek Harris, Community Youth Services; Scott Hanauer, Community Youth Services; Nadia Chandler Hardy, City of Tacoma; Randy Lewis, City of Tacoma; Shelley Koeppen, City of Tacoma.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Kurt Miller moved to adopt the agenda. Tim Reid seconded the motion. The vice chair declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kurt Miller moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2015. Tim Reid seconded the motion. The vice chair declared the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Youth and Young Adult Shelters

Kurt Miller began the presentation by noting that under contract with the City of Tacoma and the County, emergency shelter and temporary housing for youth is being addressed. Mr. Miller highlighted several definitions to clarify the variety of needs being addressed as well as available care options for youth and teens. Mr. Miller shared some statics and demographic information with the group. He stated that statewide about 30,000 students have experienced homelessness; county-wide about 4,000 and within the Tacoma School District about 1,700. A recent survey conduct by UWT indicated that of these homeless students 71% were male and 16 % female. It was noted that 70% of these homeless youth have sexual issues with some reporting occasional smoking, drug and alcohol use. According to the survey most have left home because they have been kicked-out or abused.

The structure to meet the needs of these homeless youth includes a day center, over-night emergency housing, and a youth home. Scott Hanauer and Derek Harris commented on the pre-development and commitment of these centers to connect youth with staff immediately to get them in contact with providers for a variety of needs. A list of key partners was reviewed. Funding for this initiative includes \$2.07 million from the City of Tacoma, and \$750,000 from Pierce County. Derek Harris stated that state and federal resources are being considered to help support operations of the sites.

Nadia Chandler Hardy from the City of Tacoma noted that sites for these facilities are still being explored. She commented that staff is pushing for an opening by the end of 2016. Ms. Hardy stated that the community outreach and education will be a major part of the project as well. Informing citizens about the initiative and its locations will be key. JMAC membership was asked to continue to educate their respective agencies on this initiative to ensure on-going communication. City Manager, T.C. Broadnax emphasized the need for communications with citizens on this project as it moves forward.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Carla Santorno, Superintendent of Tacoma Public Schools stated that the School District Budget will be presented to the school Board on Thursday, August 20, 2015. Ms. Santorno indicated that initial funding from this past legislation will help with kindergarten. Staff is currently sorting out the funding details and its impacts.

Nancy Davis, Governmental Relations Officer for Metro Parks Tacoma commented that MPT received a total of \$8.7 million from the legislature this session. She indicated that two-thirds of the funding is for Point Defiance Park. The funding does include \$2.5 million for a roundabout to be constructed at the Pearl Street entrance of Point Defiance. Ms. Davis commented that the District is also supporting I-1401 to end poaching of animals for ivory and other threatened species.

Jack Wilson recognized Nancy Davis for her work with Metro Parks as she gets ready to retire next month.

Mr. Wilson commented on the balloons at the slag peninsula that are being used this week as means of studying topography and views from that future park. He noted that work in the triangle area of Point Defiance Park has already begun.

Randy Lewis, representing the City of Tacoma spoke of the legislative policy effecting unregulated marijuana sales in the City of Tacoma. He noted that the City will be taking proper steps to close illegal shops. Mr. Lewis indicated that during this session the State also has pulled back a share of liquor tax that had been coming to cities including Tacoma. He also indicated that the Public Works Assistance Program fund at the state has been zeroed out.

Evette Mason, representing the Port of Tacoma commented that Pierce County did very well with transportation funding this session. She commented on several projects receiving money including I-5 at JBLM, SR 18, and I-90 at Snoqualmie. She noted that one concern is will this area have a work force to complete these projects.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

No items were identified

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

USGA Report Out - Next CEO meeting in November

Continue Mental Health Conversation

Youth Mental Health Issues: Trafficking, Housing/Shelters, Gangs, etc.

Economic Development Growth and Impacts

Discuss and List Combined Legislative Goals

Trades, Apprenticeship, Regional Partnerships (Tacoma School District, Bates
Technical College and City of Tacoma)
Affordable Housing Policies (Anders Ibsen / Lauren Walker)
Earth Economics (Metro Parks Tacoma)

NEXT MEETING

September 11, 2015 Regular Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Municipal Building. Minutes for the September meeting are to be taken by Metro Parks Tacoma.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.