

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
August 14, 2009**

PRESENT: Victoria Woodards, Chair (Metropolitan Park Board)
Marilyn Strickland (Tacoma City Council)
Debbie Winskill (Tacoma School Board)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Connie Rickman (Tacoma School Board)
Nancy Davis (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Brynn Brady (Pierce County)
Steve Knauer (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Jack C. Wilson (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Dr. Arthur O. Jarvis (Tacoma School District)
Minutes taken by Metro Parks Tacoma

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Victoria Woodards called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was noted that the Gang Prevention topic will be moved to the September meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Reid moved for approval of the July 10, 2009 minutes; seconded and passed unanimously.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

There was brief committee discussion regarding the use of school playgrounds during non-school hours and the summer. Dr. Jarvis stated that he has not received any complaints about school playgrounds not being accessible during the summer. Connie Rickman stated that some playgrounds are fenced and locked for safety and protection of the neighborhood from gang activity in those playgrounds.

The Committee noted that the issue could be revisited if the community indicates that there is an accessibility issue.

TPU WATER RATES / STORM WATER RATES

Steve Knauer of Metro Parks indicated that he has been communicating over the past six months with public works and the water department regarding storm water fees. Mr. Knauer stated that many of the parks provide an infrastructure for storm water control (i.e. Snake Lake, China Lake, Wapato Lake, DeLong Park). He stated that the idea of rate reduction and/or credit is being discussed for that reason. Brynn Brady suggested that Metro Parks contact WSU who is currently collecting data on this very issue.

Mr. Knauer also informed the committee about current discussions with Tacoma Public Utilities regarding water use rates and metering systems and related fee structure. He noted that rate classification (new or a re-class) for parks is still being discussed. He further noted that staff is reviewing models used in other cities who have a government or special parks rate.

Jack Wilson stated that these discussions all began last year when Metro Parks Tacoma encountered a 98% rate increase from the prior year. A final report on these issues is being prepared by staff and should be ready in the next week.

BALLOT MEASURES

Dr. Jarvis explained the current levy and bond cycle that the school district is under. He stated that the District will be going for a renewal levy for maintenance and operation in February of 2010. Dr. Jarvis briefly highlighted the capital construction plan, noting that in order to keep on schedule a capital bond is necessary.

Jack Wilson indicated that the Park District is considering a levy lid although the timing of a ballot measure has not yet been determined.

City Council Members Fey and Walker indicated that the City is not considering any ballot measures at this time.

Brynn Brady stated that the County will have a couple of issues on the ballot in November including moving certain council elections to odd years as well as an adjustment of term limits. She noted there will also be an issue on the ballot related to the elimination of rank choice voting.

SETTING NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Tacoma School District Funding - related to military families
- Gang Prevention Presentation
- Legislative Agenda

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 1144.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Note: Minutes for September will be taken by Metro Parks Tacoma.