

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
Quarterly Meeting
February 14, 2014**

PRESENT Clare Petrich, Chair (Port of Tacoma)
Debbie Winskill, Vice-Chair (Tacoma School Board)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Erik Hanberg (Metropolitan Park Board)
Anders Ibsen (Tacoma City Council)
Robert Thoms (Tacoma City Council)
Kurt Miller (Tacoma School Board)
Carla Santorno (Tacoma Public Schools)
Jack Wilson (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Connie Ladenburg (Pierce County Council)
Rick Talbert (Pierce County Council)
Evette Mason (Port of Tacoma)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Clare Petrich called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance were: Mark Williams, Pierce County; Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office; Teri Blair, Pierce County; T.C. Broadnax, City of Tacoma; Marty Campbell, City of Tacoma; Greg Claycamp, Tacoma Housing Authority; Bryan Flint, Greater Metro Parks Foundation; Tansy Hayward, City of Tacoma; Steve Knauer, Metro Parks Tacoma; Steve Murakami, Tacoma Public Schools; Todd Pratt, Boys & Girls Club; Allen Ratcliffe, Human Services Coalition; Bob Winslow, National Association of Mental Illness-Local Chapter; Christina Watts, City of Tacoma; Wayne Williams, Metro Parks Tacoma; John Wolf, Port of Tacoma; Stan Lokting, ARC Architects; Ken Ballard, Ballard*King, Rec. Planning; and Shon Sylvia, Metro Parks Tacoma.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Debbie Winskill moved for approval of the agenda. Connie Ladenburg seconded the motion. The chair declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Debbie Winskill moved for approval of the minutes of January 10, 2014 and Connie Ladenburg seconded. The chair declared the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Eastside Community Center Feasibility Study – Alisa O’Hanlon, Shon Sylvia, Ken Ballard and Stan Lokting presented the Eastside Community Center Feasibility Study. The study is in response to concerns of Tacoma’s Eastside Neighborhood, which has strongly advocated for healthy, safe activities for local youth. The City of Tacoma has partnered with Metro Parks, the Tacoma Housing Authority, and the Tacoma School District to conduct a feasibility study for a new Eastside community center.

The study addressed service gaps and community needs in the areas of health and recreation activities, social gathering spaces, and educational and cultural opportunities. A copy of the study can be viewed at Metro Parks Tacoma.

Metro Parks Bond Measure – Jack Wilson presented information on a \$198 million capital bond measure for Park and Zoo Improvements and Safety Upgrades that will potentially go before voters on April 22, 2014. The bond follows multiple years of working with the public on the development of a comprehensive capital plan for park and recreation assets throughout the nearly 3,000-acre system. Through its planning processes with the community and staff review of system assets, Metro Parks identified and prioritized more than \$500 million in needs system wide.

The \$198 million public investment would help preserve the more than century-old park system through specific district-wide capital priorities. More detailed information can be found on their web page <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/2014ParksZooBond/>.

CEO Reports – Chair Petrich asked the CEO’s to also report on the availability of mental health care at their agency.

John Wolf from the Port of Tacoma provided an update on Port activities, stating in part, the Port had a robust year in 2013 but they are working hard to diversify their portfolio and look at new ways to compete. Mr. Wolf will report back on the availability of mental health care at their agency at another time.

Carlo Santorno from Tacoma Public Schools provided an update on school district activities, stating in part, the district has good mental health benefits for staff and the district is working on solutions for student issues regarding mental health. The districts two levy requests were approved by voters. The district is looking over enrollment trends and future planning and would provide the committee with a more detailed report at the next quarterly meeting. The district graduation rate continues to rise. Steve Murakami provided an update on planning and construction activities.

T.C. Broadnax from the City of Tacoma provided an update on city activities, stating in part, the City provides good mental health coverage for employees and is working on solutions for the homeless population to get appropriate mental health services. The City had a better fiscal year in 2013 than in the past and continues to improve. The City is undergoing the Charter Review process.

Jack Wilson from Metro Parks Tacoma provided an update on parks activities, stating in part, that they saw record breaking use and demand in 2013 and that there is good mental health coverage for employees. They are still working on the issue of homeless people living in the parks. Work is occurring on the National Accreditation and a decision is expected in October 2014. Destination Point Defiance is in the final design stage.

DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

No items were discussed.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay Golf Course
Metro Parks Bond Breakdown
Mental Health Issues – Where do we go from here?
2014 Legislative Update – if available

Future Agenda Items

Mental Health Services in Tacoma/Pierce County
Mental Health Care Report: Port of Tacoma (John Wolf)
Enrollment Trends & Future Planning Update: Tacoma School District (Carla Santorno) - May 9th quarterly meeting
Earth Week Citizen's Academy Update (Anders Ibsen)
Transport of Coal through Tacoma
Affordable Housing Policies (Anders Ibsen / Lauren Walker)
Foss/Hylebos Recontamination (Port of Tacoma)
Economic Development and Impacts
Earth Economics (Metro Parks Tacoma)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248. Minutes for March to be taken by City of Tacoma.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.