

**MINUTES**  
**Joint Municipal Action Committee**  
**November 14, 2014**  
**Quarterly Meeting – Pagoda at Pt. Defiance Park**

**PRESENT**

Clare Petrich, Chair (Port of Tacoma Commission)  
Evette Mason (Port of Tacoma)  
John Wolfe (Port of Tacoma)  
Don Johnson (Port of Tacoma Commission)  
Sean Eagan (Port of Tacoma)  
Tim Reid (Metro Parks Board)  
Nancy Davis (Metro Parks Tacoma)  
Jack Wilson (Metro Parks Tacoma)  
Jennifer Bowman (Metro Parks Tacoma)  
Aaron Pointer (Metro Parks Tacoma)  
Andrea Smith (Metro Parks Tacoma)  
Larry Dahl (Metro Parks Tacoma)  
Phedra Redifer (Metro Parks Tacoma)  
Connie Ladenburg (Pierce County)  
Kevin Phelps (Pierce County)  
Rick Talbert (Pierce County)  
Randy Lewis (City of Tacoma)  
T.C. Broadnax (City of Tacoma)  
Kurt Miller (Tacoma School Board)  
Debbie Winskill (Tacoma School Board)  
Catherine Ushka, Vice-Chair (Tacoma School Board)  
Karen Vialle (Tacoma School Board)  
Carla Santorno (Tacoma Public Schools)  
Joshua Garcia (Tacoma Public Schools)

**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 guests: Steve Conway, State Senator 29<sup>th</sup> District; Dick Muri, State Representative 28<sup>th</sup> District; Charlie Brown, Cascade Government Affairs; Denise Rakas, City of Tacoma; and Tonya Beattie, Tacoma Public Schools.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Tim Reid and seconded by Vice-Chair Catherine Ushka for approval of the agenda. The chair declared the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Tim Reid and seconded by Connie Ladenburg for approval of the October 10, 2014 minutes. The chair declared the motion passed.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Welcome –**

Jack Wilson provided information on the historic pagoda and other metro parks facilities. The group was treated with a visit from a zoo animal, a lynx.

### **Review of 2013-14 JMAC Highlights–**

Clare Petrich provided an overview of JMAC highlights for the year such as preparing for the US Open, the Eastside Community Center, and Mental Health issues.

### **Seattle-Tacoma Port Alliance –**

John Wolfe provided additional information on the continuing work on the Seaport Alliance collaboration to strengthen the Puget Sound gateway.

### **Update on 2014-15 Legislative Agenda–**

Nancy Davis provided an overview and handout regarding the Metro Parks Tacoma legislative agenda. Items under capital funding requests include the Eastside Community Center, Titlow Park Master Plan Implementation, Point Defiance Park Master Plan Implementation, among others.

Randy Lewis provided an overview regarding the City of Tacoma's plans for the coming year and the legislative agenda. Items of interest include various transportation projects such as State Route 16 / Interstate 5 interchanges, Joint Base Lewis-McChord congestion, speed cameras, and other issues.

Carla Santorno provided an overview regarding Tacoma Public Schools plans for the coming year and the legislative agenda. Items of interest include support for fully funded public education (McCleary Decision), urging legislature to increase funding for K-12 school construction, as well as pursuing innovation and reform policy issues.

Connie Ladenburg provided an overview regarding the Pierce County legislative agenda. Items of interest include safety assistance with regard to county visitors for the US Open, funding for county transportation infrastructure and a closer look at "fair share" legislation, among other issues.

Sean Eagan provided a handout and an overview regarding the Port of Tacoma legislative agenda. Priority issues include SR-167 completion, and North Lead Rail reappropriation, among other issues.

### **Update on 2015-16 Capital or Program Plans –**

T.C. Broadnax discussed capital plans for the City of Tacoma including infrastructure improvements, trails, sidewalks, Eastside cleanup and addressing pot-hole issues, among others.

Kevin Phelps discussed capital plans for Pierce County including wastewater treatment plant expansion, airport terminal replacement, and business and customer service operations, among others.

Jack Wilson discussed capital plans for Metro Parks including Eastside Community Center, a new aquarium at Point Defiance; support for legislation that would provide insurance coverage for doctor prescribed exercise, among others.

Carla Santorno discussed capital plans for Tacoma Public Schools including work on McCarver, Stewart, Wainwright, and the new Willard Early Learning Center, among others.

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

Chair Petrich stated that the JMAC focus topic for 2015 would be economic development issues.

Tim Reid announced that Metro Parks Tacoma has been identified as one of the best of the best park systems in the United States!!

## **SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Nancy Davis requested that John Garner, Conservation and Education Manager at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium present information on conservation measures.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Economic Development Opportunities – Brainstorming Session

Summer Jobs 253 Presentation – (City of Tacoma)

Optum Health Care Presentation (Cheri Dolezal, CEO/Executive Director)

Discuss and List Combined Legislative Goals

Mental Health Issues Discussion – Where do we go from here?

Trades, Apprenticeship, Regional Partnerships (Tacoma School District, Bates Technical College and City of Tacoma)

Presentation on Charter Review (City of Tacoma)

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

Update on 2015 U.S. Open (November/December 2014)

Economic Development Growth and Impacts

Earth Week Citizen's Academy Update (Anders Ibsen)

Affordable Housing Policies (Anders Ibsen / Lauren Walker)

Foss/Hylebos Recontamination (Port of Tacoma)

Earth Economics (Metro Parks Tacoma)

Metro Parks Tacoma Conservation Issues

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be a regular monthly meeting held on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in Room 248 at the Municipal Building. Minutes for December to be taken by Tacoma Public Schools.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.