

**Minutes**  
**Joint Municipal Action Committee**  
**April 10, 2015**

**PRESENT** Kurt Miller, Tacoma Public Schools  
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Nancy Davis, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Aaron Pointer, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Debbie Terwilleger, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma  
Randy Lewis, City of Tacoma  
Anders Ibsen, City of Tacoma

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Catherine Ushka and Vice-Chair Erik Hanberg were unable to attend the meeting. Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance were guests: Dean Burke, Tacoma South Sound Sports Commission; and Tonya Beattie, Tacoma Public Schools.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Tim Reid moved to adopt the agenda. Anders Ibsen seconded the motion. The chair declared the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tim Reid moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2015. Anders Ibsen seconded the motion. The chair declared the motion passed

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Update on Sports Venue Development

Mrs. Debbie Terwilleger of Metro Parks Tacoma and Mr. Dean Burke of Tacoma South Sound Sports Commission provided an update from last month's meeting on the development of plans to provide upgrades and renovations of area sports complexes and athletic fields.

Mr. Burke stated that the survey data is still being collected and that the data is more for counting and ranking facilities rather than needs assessment and free input. The sports commission goal is to have an action plan prepared by the end of the year.

Debbie Terwilleger stated that once Metro Parks gets an accurate inventory, then that begins the strategic plan updating and goals development. Metro Parks' goal is to have this inventory process complete by summer.

Ms. Terwilleger asked what Metro Parks can do for Tacoma Schools. Kurt Miller responded that middle school and high school gymnasiums are a great opportunity for Metro Parks. Mr. Miller

stated that 30%-35% of students participate in school sports and therefore are connected to school in that way.

Tim Reid responded that Metro Parks cannot attract regional and national level field competitions because there are minimum standards such as the number of fields available for active play at the same time. Dean Burke responded that number of fields, lights and seats are the main determining factors that organizations look at when scheduling premier events.

Aaron Pointer mentioned that getting/keeping the Tacoma Dome updated and prepared for state level high school competition is important. Evette Mason mentioned lacrosse events, Nancy Davis mentioned water sports, and Kurt Miller mentioned dragon boats. Mr. Pointer also mentioned the many great golf courses in the area.

Mr. Burke mentioned that branding and exposure is important for them to move forward. The group suggested several meetings and opportunities that the Sports Commission could discuss their mission at such as city council meetings, Tacoma Schools Planning & Construction, Pierce County Cities and Towns, TV Tacoma, etc.

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

No items were discussed.

#### **SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

CEO Updates  
Tacoma Dome  
Parking

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 8 at 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Municipal Building and will include CEO quarterly updates. Minutes for May to be taken by Tacoma Public Schools.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.