

**Minutes  
Joint Municipal Action Committee  
May 13, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL-JMAC COMMITTEE**

Erik Hanberg, Chair, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Anders Ibsen, Vice Chair, City of Tacoma  
Carla Santorno, Tacoma Public Schools  
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Jack Wilson, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Robert Thoms, City of Tacoma

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS**

City of Tacoma: Randy Lewis, Steve Atkinson, Mark Lauzier, T.C. Broadnax, Jennifer Hines  
Metro Parks Tacoma: Debbie Terwilleger, Hunter George  
Tacoma Public Schools: Steve Murakami, Dan Voelpel, Karen Vialle, Debbie Winskill, Tonya Beattie  
Port of Tacoma: Sean Eagan, Evette Mason

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tim Reid moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2016. Vice Chair Anders Ibsen seconded the motion. The chair declared the motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Point Defiance Planning

Debbie Terwilleger presented an overview of the Point Defiance Park Master Plan and highlighted the "Big 3" projects that are planned to be completed over the next couple of years.

The "Big 3" projects include the Science and Math Institute (SAMI) Environmental Learning Center anticipated completion of Sept. 2017, New Pacific Rim Aquarium anticipated completion of summer 2018 and Waterfront Phase 1. Other improvements at the park include a Pearl Street roundabout, increased parking capacity, new picnic shelters/restrooms.

The capital improvement bond approved by voters in 2014 is funding much of the related construction work along with grants from the state RCO program, Washington State taxpayers, donors and other sources.

Communicating updates and impacts to the local community and visitors is a high priority. Weekly updates are posted on the Destination Point Defiance web page [www.metroparkstacoma.org/DestinationPointDefiance](http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/DestinationPointDefiance).

#### SAMI Environmental Learning Center

Steve Murakami provided an update on the design/development of the center. The Science and Math Institute (SAMI) is a public high school within Tacoma Public Schools, formed in partnership with Metro Parks Tacoma and Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium (PDZA).

The 30,000-square-foot Environmental Learning Center will include eight formal learning settings for SAMI and community use, communal space for collaborative and interpretive activities, planning/work space for SAMI and Zoo educators, coordination/work space for Zoo staff and volunteers, and a setting for a nature-oriented learning environment. Construction is expected to begin this summer, with students moving in September 2017.

The capital improvement bond approved by voters in 2013 is providing the funding for the construction project. Additional detailed information can be found on the district web site at [www.tacoma.k12.wa.us/information/departments/planningconstruction](http://www.tacoma.k12.wa.us/information/departments/planningconstruction).

#### CEO Reports

Tacoma Public Schools Superintendent Carla Santorno provided an update on the water quality issues.

Metro Parks Tacoma Executive Director Jack Wilson provided information regarding their water quality testing program and results.

City of Tacoma City Manager T.C. Broadnax provided information about the recent City Services Expo, receipt of a \$1.5 million dollar grant the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency, and the current street repair program.

Port of Tacoma Government Affairs Manager Evette Mason provided an update on the \$2 million truck queue project to mitigate traffic congestion on State Route 509.

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

Much discussion took place in Washington DC recently regarding the Eastside Community Center and all were impressed at how our area has such strong partnerships among the agencies.

The JMAC Economic Development Sub-Committee met and discussed the possibility of inviting Dr. Ali Modarris of University of Washington-Tacoma to come and speak about regional economic growth.

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

June 10 – Affordable Housing Policies, Cathy Morton, City of Tacoma

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Community Revitalization (Robert Thoms)
- Homelessness and Enforcement (Robert Thoms)
- Presentation on Youth Summit (Kurt Miller)
- South Sound 911/Emergency Management
- Invite CEO of Pierce Transit
- 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)

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Tacoma Municipal Building. Minutes for June to be taken by Tacoma Public Schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Erik Hanberg adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.