

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee Meeting
Quarterly Meeting
May 11, 2012**

PRESENT: Rick Talbert, Vice-Chair (Pierce County Council)
Aaron Pointer (Metropolitan Park Board)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Scott Heinze (Tacoma School Board)
Karen Vialle (Tacoma School Board)
Jack Wilson (Metropolitan Park District)
Carla Santorno (Tacoma School District)
Don Meyer (Port of Tacoma)
Marty Campbell (Tacoma City Council)
Timothy Farrell (Pierce County Council)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)
Evette Mason (Port of Tacoma)
T.C. Broadnax (City of Tacoma)
Minutes taken by Tacoma School District

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Rick Talbert called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance was Linda Villegas Bremer, City of Tacoma; Nancy Johnson, Metropolitan Park District; Justin Leighton, Pierce Transit; Dan Voelpel, Tacoma School District; and Mark Williams, Pierce County.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Karen Vialle moved for approval of the agenda. Tim Reid seconded. The vice-chair declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following revision was made to the April 13th minutes: Alisa O'Hanlon was not present at the April 13, 2012 meeting. Karen Vialle seconded. The vice-chair declared the motion passed.

PIERCE TRANSIT

Justin Leighton presented a report regarding routes outside the city limits for Pierce Transit. The boundaries of service for Pierce Transit included three factors: failure of Proposition 1, system reduction, and the smaller cities not using the service. Pierce Transit has cut the span of service, i.e. frequency and shorter times in service. The new boundaries became effective May 8, 2012.

The Board Composition Review included two positions for Pierce County, two positions for Tacoma, and one position each for Lakewood, Puyallup, University Place, Fife, Edgewood and Milton and one position for small cities. Each position is a three year term. Any city wishing to be included again can annex in every two years.

METRO PARKS UPDATE

Nancy Johnson presented a new web page outlining locations of parks on a map. On the website there will be icons to find a park by name, amenities or zip code and will identify specific things to do, i.e. fishing, boating, boat launch, etc. More popular parks will have their own pages on the website. Also registering for events and programs has been made easier. Ms. Johnson also presented a draft brochure which will be very helpful especially for tourists. Metro Parks will launch this website on May 14, 2012 at www.metroparkstacoma.org. Ms. Johnson was commended for the great work she did putting this together.

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

Aaron Pointer expressed concern about the traffic problems the new Walmart would bring once it is built. He stated that the traffic now is congested and asked if any plans have been made with Walmart taking some responsibility for the congestion.

Scott Heinze stated he would like to have approval for a joint resolution for kids in our community to help stop dropouts. He would like to get support for all students in Tacoma School District. Mr. Heinze will prepare a draft resolution for the next meeting.

SETTING NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Follow-up Report on Pierce Transit Services (Pierce Transit)
- Report on Pierce Transit Board Meeting (Vice-Chair Rick Talbert)
- Presentation on Walmart Impact (City of Tacoma)
- Draft Resolution of Support (Scott Heinze)
- Discussion on Future Ballot Issues and Timing

Future Agenda Items

Report on Ruston Way, Point Ruston and the Esplanade (City of Tacoma)
Potential Collaboration on TV Broadcast Access
Brainstorm Future JMAC Meeting Topics
Use of City Facilities for School Board Meetings
Follow-Up on Bus Loading and Unloading at Stadium High School

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 8, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Note: Minutes for June to be taken by Metro Parks Tacoma.