

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee Meeting
June 8, 2012

PRESENT: Lauren Walker, Chair (Tacoma City Council)
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)
Timothy Farrell (Pierce County Council)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)
Evette Mason (Port of Tacoma)
Anders Ibsen (Tacoma City Council)
Brynn Brady (Pierce County)
Minutes taken by Metro Parks Tacoma

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lauren Walker called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance were Lisa Spadoni, City of Tacoma; Kurtis Kingsolver, City of Tacoma; Justin Leighton, Pierce Transit; Josh Diekman, City of Tacoma; Chris Larson, City of Tacoma; Jennifer Kammerzell, City of Tacoma; Dick McKinley, City of Tacoma; Peter Huffman, City of Tacoma; Diane Powers City of Tacoma; and John Larson, Tacoma Weekly.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was moved and seconded for approval of the agenda. The chair declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was moved and seconded for approval of the minutes of May 11, 2012. The chair declared the motion passed.

WALMART IMPACT

Lisa Spadoni stated that a multi-tenant shopping center will be built at the old Elk's Club site. The Elk's building will be removed, and the new shopping center will be anchored by Walmart. They have looked at the codes for zoning, and Walmart is allowed. Next they looked at the SEPA requirements that consider building size and parking stalls, etc. They also checked for compliance with the Tacoma Municipal Code. The building permit was issued on March 12, 2012, and the work order for off-site work (sidewalks, driveways and roadwork) is currently under review.

Kurtis Kingsolver stated that traffic mitigation is required for the shopping center. Mitigation plans include new turn lanes, new signals, moving a driveway, and limiting a driveway to right-in and right-out. The signals will be timed optimally. A change that they made on their own: an additional light on Union Avenue that is pedestrian activated. Construction will start on July 7 and will take about a year.

Tim Farrell expressed concern about the wet areas in lot 6, and what will be done to help the area with the new impermeable surface. Mr. Kingsolver stated that their standards are high. They do not dictate how it is mitigated, but it is required.

Tim Reid asked if arsenic testing was being done at this site. Ms. Spadoni replied that this area is below the level of testing, and is not required on DOE policy. Mr. Reid feels it would still be good to test. Ms. Spadoni will look into it.

Chair Walker asked why a five-way intersection was approved. Mr. Kingsolver replied that they were asked to allow it to help signal time and performance. It benefits the city with the pedestrian crossing.

There was discussion regarding the occupancy permit. The permit is given on the first building (anchor building) and then other buildings come in piece by piece, hoping it will all get built out. It meets code now, and the traffic has been projected out six years. If it is not developed by then, the mitigation will be in. Any other questions can be directed to Ms. Spadoni and Mr. Kingsolver.

FOLLOW UP REPORT ON PIERCE TRANSIT SERVICES

Justin Leighton reported that Pierce Transit is 70 percent dependent on sales tax. Due to the economy, they have seen tax revenues decline, and have had two rounds of layoffs. The lost value to the community:

Total boardings	in 2007: 15.5 million
	in 2012: 10.9 million
Total service miles	in 2007: 12.7 million
	in 2012: 6.4 million

Pierce Transit is going to the ballots now because the decrease in revenue will make them decrease their services to 1980 levels. An increase of 0.9% would bring them back to what they were before. They would be able to restore frequency, evening and early morning services, Puyallup and Lakewood services, special events services, and high capacity transit.

Karen Vialle stated that due to the decreased service, many high school students are having trouble getting to school. They have to change buses up to four times, and spend a long time on the bus.

PIERCE TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Vice-Chair Rick Talbert reported that they had a hearing on Monday night. Many people in the community use the bus as their only option for transportation. This reduction in service is a large impact on kids' transportation to school, and many just

drop out. The community needs to know the issue: there is a cost if the bus service is not there. The vote is a simple majority.

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Scott Heinze is working on a joint resolution for kids in our community to help stop dropouts. He will present a draft resolution for the July 13, 2012 meeting.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE BALLOT ISSUES AND TIMING

Tim Reid stated that Metro Parks Tacoma is not planning on going on the ballot.

The city will go on the November ballot for a \$9 million, six year levy lid lift. This will raise taxes \$8 a month per home.

Karen Vialle stated that the school district will need to go out again in 2014 for maintenance and operation. She is concerned about this, and wants to make sure that we are not at crossroads with each other.

SETTING NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Report on Ruston Way, Point Ruston and the Esplanade (City of Tacoma)
- Follow-Up on Bus Loading and Unloading at Stadium High School
- Draft Resolution of Support (Scott Heinze)

Future Agenda Items

Potential Collaboration on TV Broadcast Access
Brainstorm Future JMAC Meeting Topics
Use of City Facilities for School Board Meetings

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 13, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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