

**Minutes**  
**Joint Municipal Action Committee Meeting**  
**July 13, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Lauren Walker, Chair (Tacoma City Council)  
Aaron Pointer (Metropolitan Park Board)  
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)  
Debbie Winskill (Tacoma School Board)  
Scott Heinze (Tacoma School Board)  
Clare Petrich (Port of Tacoma)  
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)  
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**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 Mark Williams, Pierce County Council; Sue O'Neill, City of Tacoma; Kurtis Kingsolver, City of Tacoma; Diane Powers, City of Tacoma; and John Larson, Tacoma Weekly.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion was moved by Tim Reid and seconded by Aaron Pointer for approval of the agenda. The chair declared the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was moved by Anders Ibsen and seconded by Karen Vialle for approval of the minutes of June 8, 2012. The chair declared the motion passed.

**BUS LOADING AND UNLOADING AT STADIUM HIGH SCHOOL**

Kurtis Kingsolver showed an old photo of Stadium Way, demonstrating the changes that have happened over the years. This improvement project involves Division, Broadway, Stadium Way, North E, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and Tacoma Avenue. The estimated cost is \$10,500,000 which includes three Federal Highway Administration Grants, one State Transportation Improvement Board Grant, and Real Estate Excise Tax.

The project has two phases. The first phase includes North E and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets. This should be completed prior to school starting, but some plantings will need to be finished. The second phase is near the Elks Temple, with a completion date in May,

2013. They considered stopping the project during the holidays, but the businesses along the affected streets just want it to be done. Schuster Parkway will have closures during the work in the spring.

The project will include one lane in each direction, with some turn pockets and bike lanes on both sides. They are allowing room for the buses to line up along North E Street, and will put in a new signal at 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The sharp curve on North E Street will be softened into a gradual curve.

There are not a lot of utilities to dig out, they are just digging down to put the road in. There is a lot of paving to put in. The dirt that has been dug up is not good for use anywhere else.

Chair Walker asked if there was an alternate plan if something happens. Mr. Kingsolver assured her that there will not be a problem. This project will be done on time.

Mr. Kingsolver talked about the problems he had with the 9<sup>th</sup> Street project.

## **RUSTON WAY, POINT RUSTON AND THE ESPLANADE**

Point Ruston: Mr. Kingsolver showed photos of the Point Ruston street and sidewalk on June 29, opening day. He stated that this project was in the Asarco plan since the late 1990's. He is working with Mike Cohen (Point Ruston) and Steve Knauer (Metro Parks Tacoma) on the Waterwalk, which will connect Ruston Way, Point Ruston, and the Esplanade.

## **DRAFT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

Scott Heinze is working on a joint resolution for kids in our community to help stop dropouts. He will circulate the resolution prior to the next meeting.

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

Tim Reid asked about waterfront access. Mr. Reid and Aaron Pointer have been contacted by the public, and told to not approve this. Clare Petrich stated that she would like to do a presentation on the new strategic plan, and waterfront access.

Evette Mason went to a joint study session which discussed public access to EPW (Environment and Public Works).

Chair Walker stated that there is a joint meeting on Tuesday, and they will be discussing walk the waterfront, train access, bridges over the railroad tracks, etc.

Karen Vialle stated that with the water access in the area, there is a need to have all kids learn how to swim. Mr. Reid stated that students should all be able to take swimming lessons.

Ms. Petrich invited everyone to the John Steinbeck reception at the downtown Tacoma Library on Tuesday, July 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## **SETTING NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- Joint Resolution
- Waterfront Access (Clare Petrich)
- Draft Resolution of Support (Scott Heinze)
- CEO Presentations on budgets (10 minutes each)
- Strategic Plan (City of Tacoma)

### Future Agenda Items

Point Defiance Pagoda update (Metro Parks Tacoma) (September)

Pool Gap Analysis (Metro Parks Tacoma) (September)

Innovation in Schools (October)

Innovative, groundbreaking items (October)

Legislative Priorities – McCleary Decision (October)

Capital Projects (October)

Affordable housing policies (Anders Ibsen)

Six year transportation (Anders Ibsen, COT) (September)

Potential Collaboration on TV Broadcast Access

Brainstorm Future JMAC Meeting Topics

Use of City Facilities for School Board Meetings

Shoreline Management Plan (Brynn Brady)

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, August 10, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248. Quarterly meeting with the CEOs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

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