

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee Meeting
September 14, 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)
Karen Vialle (Tacoma School Board)
Scott Heinze (Tacoma School Board)
Anders Ibsen (Tacoma City Council)
Clare Petrich (Port of Tacoma)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)
Evette Mason (Port of Tacoma)
Minutes taken by Tacoma School District

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lauren Walker called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance were Shari Campbell, JayRay Consultants; Sean Egan, Port of Tacoma; Mark Williams, Pierce County; 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 Tim Reid and seconded by Karen Vialle for approval of the minutes of August 17, 2012 as published. The chair declared the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Shari Campbell, consultant from the JayRay Company, presented to the members how JayRay was assisting the Tacoma School District with the innovation of the district. She handed out a copy of the Tacoma Public Schools Innovation Survey for the members to complete and hand on to others in their businesses. The surveys will assist Ms. Campbell and the school district to identify the opinions of other businesses.

Aaron Pointer asked what the state testing included now and Karen Vialle stated that students are tested on reading, math and science. Ms. Vialle stated the district is raising the bar for excellence. It was suggested that Superintendent Carla Santorno attend a meeting to present the school district's plans to the members.

It was noted that the Tacoma Waterfront brochure was being given out at the Puyallup Fair.

Sean Egan, Port of Tacoma, presented information on State Route 167. He stated that it would improve travel time between Puyallup and Tacoma considerably. He stated that Interstate 5 traffic should be substantially reduced, especially during rush hour with the completion of SR-167 and SR-509.

If SR-167 was completed, the job growth would be substantial at the Port of Tacoma by supplying good transportation connections to move freight. The economic benefit of saved travel time over 30 years would be in the millions. SR-167 is estimated to generate 948 direct jobs and up to 1,990 indirect jobs per year of construction.

A completed SR-167 would improve safety as well which would take the traffic off of the surface streets. Air quality would also be improved by reducing congestion, improving truck mobility and smoother traffic flow levels.

Tim Reid asked about ownership of the property. It was stated that 70% is owned by the private sector and a couple of parcels are owned by the tribe. Washington Department of Transportation has no problems with this project to date.

Vice-Chair Rick Talbert stated that SR-176 has been a 40 year project and it needs to be done before any other items. There was discussion on revenue for the project.

There was discussion on Pt. Defiance Park and the connection of Ruston to Pt. Defiance. Aaron Pointer asked about fire prevention at Pt. Defiance and upgrading the water sources in the park in case of fire. There is also a master plan for Swan Creek that has not been developed. Pt. Defiance is the top project for this year.

The renovation of People's Park was also discussed.

Karen Vialle mentioned that the school district still needs levy equalization and that the district is looking at a bond issue in the spring of 2013. Ms. Vialle also commented on the opening of the new Geiger Elementary School and the Wainwright elementary School is being looked at as well.

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

No items were discussed.

SETTING NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Foss/Hylebos Waterway Contamination

Future Agenda Items

Point Defiance Pagoda Update (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Pool Gap Analysis (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Innovation in Schools (November)

Innovative, Groundbreaking Items (November)
Legislative Priorities – McCleary Decision
Capital Projects
Affordable Housing Policies (Anders Ibsen)
Six Year Transportation Program (Anders Ibsen, COT)
Potential Collaboration on TV Broadcast Access
Brainstorm Future JMAC Meeting Topics
Use of City Facilities for School Board Meetings
Shoreline Management Plan Update (Brynn Brady)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 12, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Note: Minutes for October to be taken by City of Tacoma.