

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
February 8, 2013**

PRESENT:

Rick Talbert, Chair (Pierce County Council)
Scott Heinze, Vice-Chair (Tacoma School Board)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Anders Ibsen (Tacoma City Council)
Karen Vialle (Tacoma School Board)
Jack Wilson (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Carla Santorno (Tacoma School District)
T.C. Broadnax (City of Tacoma)
Clare Petrich (Port of Tacoma)
Evette Mason (Port of Tacoma)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)
Minutes taken by Metro Parks Tacoma

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rick Talbert called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance was Connie Ladenburg, Pierce County; John Page, Tacoma Schools; Dan Voelpel, Tacoma Schools; Peter Guzman, City of Tacoma; Tareena Joubert, Metro Parks Tacoma; and John Larson, Tacoma Weekly.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was moved by Chair Rick Talbert and seconded by Tim Reid for approval of the agenda. The chair declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was moved by Anders Ibsen and seconded by Clare Petrich for approval of the minutes of November 9, 2012. Motion was moved by Vice-Chair Scott Heinze and seconded by Anders Ibsen for approval of the minutes of January 11, 2013 as published. Chair Rick Talbert declared the motions passed.

WORLD-CLASS MARINE EDUCATION IN TACOMA

John Page of Career & Technical Education for the Tacoma Public School District highlighted the existing network of marine education programs and partnerships and visionary possibilities. Tacoma's port is an economic hub of international trade rated 7th largest in the US, whose growth is inevitable with the expansion of the Panama Canal and development in the Pacific Rim. The Sea scouts are currently partnering with the Foss Waterway Seaport and Judge Thomas Larkin is working to bring Remann Hall

into a partnership with local Tacoma boat builders. Foss High School is expanding their existing marine engineering program, and the Tacoma Youth Marine Center building is opening classroom space. The demand is high for trained Marine engineers and upon graduation students can expect 5 job offers starting at \$40,000-\$60,000.

Tim Reid asked if the Tacoma School District was advocating opening a specialized Maritime themed school similar to SAMI or to strengthen what is already available.

Clare Petrich noted schools use a Port approved book in the 3rd grade.

John Page clarified at this point he is interested in getting the message out to key communicators like JMAC members.

Vice-Chair Heinze noted that Tacoma schools are looking for opportunities for preparing kids for jobs, moving them toward existing careers by identifying what jobs are available.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – BUILDING THE SKILLED PIPELINE FOR CONSTRUCTION, MANUFACTURING & MARITIME

Peter Guzman LEAP (Local Employment & Apprenticeship Training) Manager from the City of Tacoma presented the LEAP program efforts in building a skilled workforce in construction, manufacturing and maritime through a partnership approach. One of the city's approaches to a sustainable economy is to develop a workforce skilled in construction and related trades; LEAP's focus is to develop livable wage jobs and increased prosperity for its citizens through apprenticeships. Together with Pierce County, the city has embarked on a collaborative effort to seek grants to address the regions key economic clusters and strengthen the quality of the regional workforce by focusing on education.

Apprenticeships are available through Tacoma Public Works, Tacoma Power & Water, J. J. Martinac, Vigor Industrial, Puget Sound Naval Shipyards, Pacific Northwest Yacht Builders and pre apprenticeships for youth are available through Youth Building Tacoma, Hillside Terrace Construction Academy, Brownsfield Environmental Job Training, Apprenticeship in Non-Traditional Employment for Women (ANEW). City Student Internship Program partnering with universities, community and technical colleges and non-profits is currently in development.

Bates Technical College and Clover Park Technical College have excellent manufacturing, electronics, robotics and fabrication programs. Bates has a grant to expand their existing programs.

A career day to inform youth is held annually at the Western Washington fairgrounds.

Tim Reid asked if the City was sending representatives into the local high schools. Mr. Guzman replied that it was not as an effective way to get the message out as the annual career day at the fairgrounds. Carla Santorno of Tacoma School District added that schools are setting aside time for intentional career planning and including parents. There is a shift beginning in the cultural perception of college verses blue collar trade industry. With the skilled labor pool dwindling opportunities abound with high wage trade careers.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Metro Parks Tacoma representatives Executive Director Jack Wilson and Manager Tareena Joubert explained Metro Park's challenge in continuing to sustain the current level of programming serving individuals with special needs. A \$7 million dollar deficit in Metro Park's 2013-14 operating budget, and the loss of \$100,000 in grant dollars to the special populations programming, has put the program at risk.

The program has been serving youth and adults who were no longer institutionalized since 1954 with opportunities to socialize with their peers through organized camping, art, sports, events and Special Olympics. The programs currently serve 474 individuals translating into 4,500 program registration and enrichment in the lives of the participants.

Metro Parks Tacoma is currently the main provider in Pierce County, with nearly half of the participants living outside the district's taxing authority. Metro Parks Tacoma receives no financial support from other public entities for this program.

Tim Reid testified to the impact of the programming on the quality of life for the participants, referring to the program as a "life line".

JMAC members discussed logical program partners identifying Pierce County Parks and Peninsula Parks as logical partners to pursue.

When asked about Port of Tacoma community money Evette Mason acknowledged there are funds available, but that a very narrow definition of applicable candidates would rule out the special populations program.

Connie Landenberg could not think of any pockets of state funding that would be applicable either.

Pierce County emerged as the leading partner with the greatest potential. Jack Wilson requested that Chair Rick Talbert and Connie Landenberg open lines of communication with the right folks in Pierce County for Metro Parks to engage.

DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL INTERESTS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Clare Petrich invited all to attend the Bridge opening February 15th and visit the Youth Marine Center.

SETTING NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The list of future agenda items was reviewed and a presentation by Earth Economics was discussed with great interest. Nancy Davis noted that Earth Economics would need approximately 30-40 minutes to present and have a discussion. Chair Talbert offered to commit the March meeting to the subject.

Tim Reid recommended a sub group frame the Maritime partnership possibilities prior to returning to JMAC.

Future Agenda Items

Earth Economics (May 10, 2013)

Transport of Coal through Tacoma

Affordable Housing Policies (Anders Ibsen / Lauren Walker)

Six Year Transportation Program (Anders Ibsen, COT)

Shoreline Management Plan Update (Brynn Brady)

Foss/Hylebos Recontamination Follow-up (Port of Tacoma, Spring 2013)

Potential Collaboration on TV Broadcast Access

Use of City Facilities for School Board Meetings

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 8, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.