

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

**PRESENT:**

Rick Talbert, Chair (Pierce County Council)  
Aaron Pointer (Metropolitan Park Board)  
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)  
Anders Ibsen (Tacoma City Council)  
Marty Campbell (Tacoma City Council)  
Karen Vialle (Tacoma School Board)  
Don Meyer (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 8:07 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance was Shon Sylvia, Metropolitan Park District; Andrea Smith, Metropolitan Park Board; Kurt Miller, Tacoma School Board; Mark Williams, Pierce County; and John Larson, Tacoma Weekly.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion was moved by Anders Ibsen and seconded by Karen Vialle for approval of the agenda. The chair declared the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was moved by Karen Vialle and seconded by Don Meyer for approval of the minutes of February 8, 2013 as published. The chair declared the motion passed.

**FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Deputy Mayor Marty Campbell opened the presentation by drawing attention to closure of the eastside library and Boys and Girls Club increasing the need for a community center on the eastside. The community activist group "Team Billy Ray" is continuing Billy's efforts in establishing a safe place for youth in Tacoma's eastside and maintaining public support.

Shon Sylvia of Tacoma Metro Parks briefed the group on conversations and recommendations from a staff coordinating committee made up of individuals from Metro Parks Tacoma, City of Tacoma, Tacoma School District, and the Tacoma Housing Authority. The initial sites proposed include a small parcel within the Salishan community, repurposing the Victor L. Kandle Army Reserve building site and the lot adjacent to First Creek Middle School. The committee recommends moving forward

with feasibility study paid for by the four public agencies with a target completion date of October 2013. The final report results would include recommendations on location, size, anticipated capital investment, operating cost and existing voids in the eastside community. The anticipated cost for the study would be between \$60,000 and \$80,000 with each agency paying no more than \$20,000.

JMAC members wanted to ensure emphasis was placed on operating cost, sighting the neglect of Peoples Pool and Portland Avenue. Karen Vialle recommended a 25 year financing plan be included.

Karen Vialle also expressed concern regarding the two distinct neighborhoods and cultural differences between McKinley Hill and Portland Avenue communities. Additionally Ms. Vialle would like to add bond project Boze Elementary to the list of potential sites. With funding already identified, plans could easily incorporate a community center partnership at this location.

Mr. Sylvia and Nancy Davis agreed that Boze presented a good opportunity, but may be a greater distance from Salishan than the Housing Authority would approve of. Salishan neighborhood currently has 1,100 youth between 8 and 11 years of age and the Housing Authority has money set aside to provide activities for the youth. Partnering with the Housing Authority could make seeking federal funds and grants more viable.

Ms. Vialle would also like to see educational opportunities like a library branch or check out desk included in the center plans. Marty Campbell thought computer stations would be greatly utilized.

The climate in Olympia was discussed and although funding is tight, there is an advocate in Representative Jake Fey and would anticipate Senator Steve Conway also championing the cause.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Nancy Davis made JMAC aware of past Senator Larry Faulk's proposal for state funding for a giant panda pavilion at the Pt. Defiance Zoo. Although Senator Faulk's proposal has the Metropolitan Park District and City of Tacoma logos, neither municipality is endorsing the project.

Anders Isben informed JMAC members about well received earth week presentation resulting in great support for a citizen's academy. The academy would be a free open forum where citizens could learn more about city affairs and a second youth academy for ages 16-24 is also proposed. Councilmember Isben asked if the other agencies would like to be involved. JMAC members were very supportive of the idea of engaging youth in civic responsibility. Don Meyer would like to see an international component to the academy as well. JMAC would like Councilmember Isben to bring this topic back to JMAC when there is more foundation to it.

Kurt Miller announced the School District is moving forward very quickly on bond projects for Wilson, SAMI, Stewart, and McCarver.

A question was asked regarding construction activity at Kandle Park. Metro Parks replied that over the winter, staff has been working with Johnson Controls to install the solar hot water at Stewart Heights and Kandle Pool. The internal mechanical work is still pending at Stewart Heights, but the installation is in full swing at Kandle. Barring any problems with weather, the project may be completed next month.

## **SETTING NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Shoreline Management Plan Update (Debby Hyde, Project Manager, Pierce Co.)

### Future Agenda Items

Earth Economics (May 10, 2013)

Earth Week Citizen's Academy Update (Anders Ibsen, COT)

Transport of Coal through Tacoma

Affordable Housing Policies (Anders Ibsen / Lauren Walker)

Six Year Transportation Program (Anders Ibsen, COT)

Foss/Hylebos Recontamination (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, April 12, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.