

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
April 12, 2013**

PRESENT: Rick Talbert, Chair (Pierce County Council)
Aaron Pointer (Metropolitan Park Board)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Clare Petrich (Port of Tacoma)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)
Minutes taken by Tacoma School District

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 Connie Ladenburg, Pierce County Council; Jennifer Joly, Pierce County; Debby Hyde, Pierce County; Kurt Miller, Tacoma School Board; and John Larson, Tacoma Weekly.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The adoption of the agenda for April 12, 2013 and the approval of the minutes from the March 8, 2013 meeting were not performed as there was no quorum. These items will be approved at the meeting on May 10, 2013.

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Debby Hyde presented information regarding the Shoreline Information Act. Project entails the regulations, policies and maps being rewritten as they were originally established in 1972.

Pierce County has 800 plus miles of shoreline. The shoreline is measured to include 200 feet inland and is measured at highest tide. While reviewing some of the old regulations, it did not include stairs to the water, boat lifts, etc.

Flood control and shoreline are significant issues that include life safety issues, erosion and earthquakes. If the shoreline was deficient in vegetation it was critical to fish and wildlife. The council made a conscience decision that vegetation requirements are mandatory.

Regarding commercial aqua culture, they were putting geoduck in tubes in the water to keep them from being consumed. The tubes would be marked in case they would float away and people would know who they belong to. The public did not want the pipes floating around for fear of people getting hurt. The geoduck tubes would not be near residents and no septic systems could be near the geoduck as well. Oysters, clams, and geoduck are a huge industry.

After Pierce County has completed the changes in the regulations, etc., it goes to the Department of Ecology for review. The Department of Ecology did not like the format that was presented because they had to refer to other sections. Most of the old regulations were fish centered and referred to fresh water buffers.

Next step is for staff to work with the Department of Ecology so staff understands what they want. The community development council will meet to understand issues and help council's sub-committee find solutions. The full council would hear the final solutions but Department of Ecology has the final decision.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tim Reid reported the STAR Center was awarded LEED Gold certification status for its environmental benefits.

Kurt Miller stated that the Tacoma School District Board passed a resolution to be a part of the study for the communities on the Eastside. They will be looking at all options not just one specifically. One issue is that the Gault building is deteriorating. The Board is not quite sure if it is worth keeping up and they hope that everything will be looked at regarding school properties.

Tim Reid suggested Gault be torn down except for the gym and swimming pool then the community center could be enlarged.

All options will be looked at during the feasibility study. It was suggested that the criteria be narrowed down before the study starts.

Chair Talbert indicated he would be out of town and unable to attend the May 10th meeting.

SETTING NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Focus on the Study for the Eastside Community Center
Potential Collaboration on TV Broadcast Access – Hunter George and Dan Voelpel

Future Agenda Items

Earth Economics (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Earth Week Citizen's Academy Update (Anders Ibsen)
Transport of Coal through Tacoma
Affordable Housing Policies (Anders Ibsen / Lauren Walker)
Six Year Transportation Plan (Anders Ibsen)
Foss/Hylebos Recontamination (Port of Tacoma, Spring 2013)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 10, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248. Quarterly meeting with CEOs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.