

**Minutes  
Joint Municipal Action Committee  
Quarterly Meeting  
May 10, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Karen Vialle (Tacoma School Board)  
Aaron Pointer (Metropolitan Park Board)  
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)  
Debbie Winskill (Tacoma School Board)  
Robert Thoms (Tacoma City Council)  
Jack Wilson (Metro Parks Tacoma)  
Clare Petrich (Port of Tacoma)  
Anders Ibsen (Tacoma City Council)  
Carla Santorno (Tacoma School District)  
Don Meyer (Port of Tacoma)  
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)  
Brynn Brady (Pierce County)  
Minutes taken by Tacoma School District

**CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Vialle chaired the meeting for Scott Heinze and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance was Kevin Medford sitting in for Dan Voelpel, Tacoma School District; Connie Ladenburg, Pierce County; Jenifer Joly, Pierce County; Shon Sylvia, Metro Parks Tacoma; and Hunter George, Pierce County.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Don Meyers moved for approval of the agenda. Connie Ladenburg seconded. The acting chair declared the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tim Reid moved for approval of the minutes of March 8, 2013 and April 12, 2013. Anders Ibsen seconded. The acting chair declared the motion passed.

**EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Shon Sylvia, Metro Parks, presented information regarding the Eastside Community Center. It is the intent to build a community center in southeast Tacoma. The overall goal is to do a feasibility study to see how to capitalize on the partnerships and community. This is something that all of the boards, Tacoma Housing Authority, City of Tacoma, Metro Parks and the Tacoma School District, all contributed to. Metro Parks received six proposals; they selected three; interviewed three and selected ARC Architects. ARC is a Washington firm who has done past work for the District. ARC is

familiar with the area and took a tour of the eastside. They are partnering with Ballard King. ARC is a well-known business. Questions that need to be answered are what will it take to sustain a facility; what is the scope of work. ARC will be looking at programming and taking inventory of what the community wants which will help determine the size of the facility. They will talk about basic concepts and funding strategies. Some of the locations being looked at are First Creek Middle School, Boze Elementary School, and Gault Middle School. Another location is the Armory in downtown Tacoma. Also, ARC would like to look at any other locations that they may have missed.

When looking at locations, they have to consider the condition of the facility and what regulations are attached to the facility. Karen Vialle stated that no location is favored over another and to make sure the study is done fairly. Tacoma Housing Authority should not be making the determination. The McKinley Avenue area has more population than Portland Avenue. The decision has to be the best for the entire east side. All of the boards involved with this need to be consulted before a decision is made. ARC is to look at ALL sites other than just Portland Avenue.

Discussion about a community center has been going on for a long time. There will need to be a decision on what is the purpose of the center, what population will attend, and what types of activities will be offered.

In the last 2 years, the Puyallup Tribe showed an interest in Gault Middle School. Gault was actually the first site being looking at. The Tribe decided to build a youth center somewhere else. When the feasibility study is complete, it should include all demographics and mobility patterns on the east side. The important priority is what is the east side's recommendations. Then they will make recommendation of where to move forward. To help facilitate, there will be an executive committee that includes all four agencies and the public working with ARC. There will be a public steering committee, parent groups, and non-profits to partner with the recommendations. Input from all of these groups will make largest decision of what the community center will be. The City of Tacoma, Tacoma School District, Tacoma Housing Authority, and Metro Parks will be the partners and stakeholders in this decision.

If a community center is closely aligned with middle schools, it keeps the community center up-to-date. Over time, the neighborhood population changes and the center would keep up-to-date with the middle school population. The community center is not just for youth but would also serve senior citizens, parents, and young adults. The center has to offer programs for everyone.

Next month Metro Parks will be confirming the steering committee and working on Phase One; what the population is for Phase Two and will analyze costs and get back to JMAC on how to move forward. There will be updates in August, October and December given by Metro Parks.

## **TV BROADCAST ACCESS**

Hunter George began the presentation stating that he is being taken out of the location at Clover Park and PCTV is looking for new location. They have until August to find the location. After 15 years Clover Park is now taking back the building. Other

locations have been looked at, i.e. UW Tacoma but they did not want to make a decision right away. Mr. George decided not to proceed with that alternative as there was not enough time. The channel he provides is PEG (Public Education and Government) where College Vision is aired. It provides field experience for the students and the location was inexpensive.

Mr. George reported that he had toured a commercial building but the rent was expensive. He then talked with Bates Technical College about partnering with the KBTC building. Upon touring the building, he saw that they had 20 year old analog equipment. He can bring to Bates all new updated equipment. Bates was very interested in partnering with Hunter. There may be an issue of where to house his eight staff members. The legislature adopted a budget for Bates to build a new building and when that comes through, there will be plenty of room for Hunter.

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

The U.S. Open will be held in Tacoma in 2015. Kevin Phelps is the contact person for the U.S. Open. They are planning on selling 35,000 to 40,000 tickets each day. Elected officials should be receiving an invitation to the U.S. Open.

On Wednesday morning May 15, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. there will be a ribbon cutting at the public dock in Old Town.

## **SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- Six Year Transportation Plan Update – Anders Ibsen
- Pierce Transit
- Legislative Update

### 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)

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

Update on Eastside Community Center (Metro Parks)

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 14, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Note: Minutes for June to be taken by Tacoma School District.