

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
June 14, 2013**

PRESENT: Karen Vialle (Tacoma School Board)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Anders Ibsen (Tacoma City Council)
Erik Hanberg (Metropolitan Park Board)
Clare Petrich (Port of Tacoma)
Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma)
Evette Mason (Port of Tacoma)
Minutes taken by Tacoma School District

CALL TO ORDER

Tim Reid called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m. until Karen Vialle was able to attend and chair the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance was Connie Ladenburg, Pierce County; Randy Lewis, City of Tacoma; Jennifer Joly, Pierce County; Josh Diekmann, City of Tacoma; Chris Larson, City of Tacoma; Jennifer Kammerzell, City of Tacoma; Kurtis Kingsolver, City of Tacoma; Justin Leighton, Pierce Transit; and John Larson, Tacoma Weekly.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Tim Reid 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 May 10, 2013 with the following correction that Clare Petrich was not in attendance at the May meeting. Anders Ibsen seconded. The acting chair declared the motion passed.

CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TRANSPORTATION

Kurtis Kingsolver presented information on the Transportation Master Plan, Transportation Benefit District, and Transportation Improvement Program. The master plan contains the vision and policies of transportation planning including a transportation model. It will be the primary tool for forecasting growth, setting long-term goals, and identifying work needed to achieve those goals. The Transportation Benefit District (TBD) was created in November 2012 for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements within the TBD consistent with any state, regional, or local transportation plans. The Transportation Improvement Program is the improvement program for the next six years. It requires each city to annually update its Six-Year Transportation Program to allow cities and

counties to obtain state and federal funding for planned transportation projects i.e. roadways, bridges, sidewalks, etc. There will be public outreach regarding these plans.

PIERCE TRANSIT

Justin Leighton presented information regarding Pierce Transit. Who is utilizing the bus? Riders from a household annual income of below \$20,000 make up 56% of riders; 45% of riders do not have a working vehicle; and 64% have been impacted by the previous cuts in routes or knows someone who has. Most riders use the bus for work, appointments, school/college, shopping/errands and recreation and social functions. In 2012, 10.5 million people rode the bus with an average of 34,890 weekday riders traveling 4.7 million miles. The main funding of pierce transit is sales tax. When the economy is down, people do not purchase anything and therefore the loss in sales tax affects bus routes.

Cuts that have already been made include:

- Reduction in management
- Reduction in bus and paratransit services
- Two fare increases in two years
- Three rounds of layoffs
- Reduced medical and dental costs
- Capital facility projects eliminated or delayed

The Board Strategic Direction for the future includes:

- Thinking outside the bus
- Contracting analysis
- Fare study
- Benchmark study

Other items for the future direction are innovative solutions for small cities; rapid response and expedited process; creative design and demonstration projects; emphasis on collaboration and partnerships; and enhanced data analysis and research.

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

It was noted that Washington/Hoyt Elementary School construction will begin with remodeling historic building with new additions and will be finished in September, 2014.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Legislative Update (All Jurisdictions)
- Tacoma Link (Alisa O'Hanlon)

Karen Vialle stated she would have Charlie Brown come to the next JMAC meeting for a 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 Tacoma)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 12, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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