

**Financial Sustainability Task Force
Meeting Summary for October 16, 2013**

Attending:

Panel Members:			
Pierson Clair	✓	Ryan Mudie	
Scott Ramsey		Christopher Tracy	
Tyler Shillito	✓	Toby Murray	✓
Eve Bowen	✓	Andrew Buelow	
Jenny Harris	✓	Robertta Marsh	✓
Reggie Frederick	✓	Lyle Quasim	✓
Ken Kingsbury	✓	Allan Trinkwald	✓
Lois Bernstein	✓	Troy Goodman	✓
Jim Leonard	✓	Gary Gilchrist	
Alternate Members:			
William King	✓	Kit Evans	✓
Budd Wagner		Nick Leider	✓
Ruth Smith		Bill Dickens	
Matt Frank		Emily Hall	
Terry Krause		Bruce Kendall	
Brian Haynes		Mary Byrne	
		David Schroedel	✓
Staff and Others¹:			
Karen Reed (facilitator)	✓	Danielle Larson	
Andy Cherullo	✓	Tyler Aitken	✓
Tadd Wille	✓	Teresa Green	✓
Ebony Peebles		Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma	✓
Susan Ramirez			

Welcome and Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Karen Reed, the facilitator, reviewed the agenda. Karen thanked everyone for completing the ballots.

Review and Approval of Today's Agenda, Housekeeping Items

Karen presented the agenda

Approval of Meeting Summary. The meeting summary from Meeting 7 was reviewed. The minutes were approved as submitted.

¹ Only those individuals sitting at the head table or giving presentations to the Task Force are included on this list. A number of other staff attended the meeting.

Response to questions from meeting 7.

One question remains unanswered from the last meeting regarding the convention center. Andy noted the information is being compiled and will be emailed to the group as soon as it is complete.

Information on Port-City Relationships:

Andy reported a meeting was held with Evette Mason of the Port of Tacoma and COT staff. He also noted the ports are all very different and it's difficult to do a comparison between others including Everett, Seattle, and Vancouver. The inquiry did not find any of these other ports making voluntary payments to host cities. Katie provided a summary of the information given to the group.

Evette provided an information packet to the group and a map of the tidflats. She noted that the Port owns approximately 55% of the land in the general area of the Port. She provided an explanation of leasehold tax on properties leased by the port to private companies; this tax is collected in lieu of property tax and a portion of the proceeds are remitted to the City by the state.

A Task Force member asked Evette if there is anything the City does that makes the Port not competitive? She noted that the rates that are charged by Tacoma Rail to move cargo after it arrives in the port are critical as 70% of goods received are moved out of the region and that having a competitive rail rate is crucial.

Ballot Tally Results

Karen noted 16 of the 18 ballots were returned and thanked the group. The group rated over 140 ideas generated by the Task Force. Members were asked to rate ideas on a scale of 1 to 5. Karen explained that those items that received approval ratings of at least 60 would be moved forward; there were over 60 items with this rating. The group reviewed the tabulated ballot results. Nominations were offered for items to be increased to consensus level, or 60% support level, or reduced in support. The Task Force voted on each item nominated, with the following results (numbers refer to the row number in the tabulated ballot):

Item	Result of vote at meeting:
Move item 9 to consensus recommendation (CR)	Not approved: item remains a 60% "additional recommendation" (AR)
Move item 11 to CR	Not approved: item remains a 60% AR
Move item 29 to CR	Approved: item moved to CR
Move item 30 to CR	Approved: item moved to CR
Move Item 50 up to 60% AR level	Approved: item moved to AR
Move Item 54 up to 60% AR level	Approved and more: Item moved to CR
Move item 92 to CR	Approved: item moved to CR
Move item 100 to CR	Not approved: item remains at 60% AR
Move item 101 below 60% level	Not approved: Item stays at 60% level.
Move item 103 to "recommend additional study"	Approved
Move item 57 to "recommend additional study"	Approved
Move item 61 to "recommend additional study"	Not approved

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm