

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
Quarterly Meeting
February 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Connie Ladenburg called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL-JMAC COMMITTEE

Connie Ladenburg, Chair, Pierce County
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma
Anders Ibsen, City of Tacoma
Andrea Cobb, Tacoma Public Schools
Karen Vialle, Tacoma Public Schools
Jessie Baines, Metro Parks Tacoma

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

City of Tacoma: Randy Lewis, Tadd Wille, Denise Rakas
Tacoma Public Schools: Carla Santorno, Rosalind Medina, Dan Voelpel
Metro Parks: Pete Mayer, Joe Brady
Pierce County: Bruce Dammeier
Puyallup Tribe of Indians: David Bean

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Karen Vialle moved to approve the agenda. Anders Ibsen seconded the motion. The chair declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anders Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2018. Tim Reid seconded the motion. The chair declared the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS



CEO Updates

Chair Ladenburg introduced Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier. Mr. Dammeier gave a little history stating he came from the Puyallup School Board and then spent four years in the House and four years in the Senate in Olympia. As County Executive, there were some issues between the different entities, so efforts were made to work together through coordination and communication. There are important issues that affect the community and the various jurisdictions. Some of those issues are behavioral health, the opioid epidemic, economic development, and homelessness. An area where progress has been made is in radio communication. This ensures that every citizen can call 9-1-1 effectively and the first responders have all the radio support they need. Another example of collaboration was the opioid summit that was co-chaired by the City and the County.

Mr. Dammeier continued another issue where progress has been made was in providing training so county employees have appreciation for Tribal culture. There has been positive interaction with the Puyallup Tribe as well as the other local tribes.

Carla Santorno Tacoma School Superintendent introduced Rosalind Medina, Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Santorno stated that the levy vote on February 13, 2018 was very important. Ms. Medina shared an overview of the strategic budgeting process. In 2017-18 the budgeting priorities will be to identify funding, determine priorities, discuss goals and how they align to the strategic plan, allocate resources, identify results, and ranking of proposals. In 2017-18 there were increased health, pension and salary costs. Increased revenues were offset by the newly required or State mandated costs and special program funding. Enrollment came in nearly perfectly.

Ms. Medina continued in 2018-19 there will be far more challenges than expected with the idea of levy and the whole funding of education. The funds will be for very specific categories, i.e. CTE programs, vocational programs. Another impact is the class size compliance initiative. There will be about a \$12 million shortfall and the school district is working with the Legislature.

Chair Ladenburg asked if there were restraints on how levy monies are spent. Ms. Medina replied that there were a number of qualifiers on how levy dollars are spent and organized.

At this time, Chair Ladenburg welcomed and introduced David Bean from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. Mr. Bean thanked the Deputy Mayor for the invitation to attend and participate in JMAC. He stated the various organizations face many similar issues and it will be good to work together on those issues.

Pete Mayer, Deputy Executive for Metro Parks stated he was representing Executive Director Shon Sylvia. He shared that Metro Parks is organized around three pillars of sustainability - environmental, social, and economic reflected in the comp and strategic plans. The core services include providing functional, accessible, clean and safe parks, recreational facilities, and special attractions. Managing and preserving natural resource and open space systems. Provide recreational and environmental educational programming for all ages and abilities. Operating and maintaining zoological facilities in compliance with AZA standards. Also there have been positive conversations regarding equity and how to achieve equity in the parks, programs, service delivery, decision-making, and community engagement.

There was discussion on inter-local agreements and how the different agencies are working together on such issues as the sea wall, land issues, Swan Creek, and park programming for the disabled communities. Mr. Mayer continued on March 11, 2018 Metro Parks will be hosting an event called Winterland at 3:00 pm at the STAR center in partnership with the school district for children of all ages who have disabilities.

Mr. Mayer continued that the financial aspect is very important. Metro Parks will need to find more sustainable, innovative ways to support operations going forward into the future. There are capital improvement projects being worked on at this time including the Eastside Community Center, the Waterfront Phase 1, and the aquarium that will open this summer, as well as various improvement projects throughout the parks.

Jessie Baines asked about the ten minute walk to a park. Joe Brady responded that there is interest to have a park within a ten minute walk to all residents within the city.

At this time there is about 47% coverage of the ten minute walk to a park. If school district properties are included the percentage is approximately 78%.

There was discussion on the safe routes to schools and safe routes to public facilities. There was acknowledgement of the City's commitment to hire a coordinator for the safe routes to school program. A question was asked about the Viewpoints/Loop Trail and additional trails. Mr. Brady replied that this particular trail was a state legislative recreation conservation office grant that was given to Metro Parks for improving the Loop Trail around Point Defiance.

Tadd Wille Assistant City Manager stated he was representing City Manager Elizabeth Pauli. He shared an update on the budget process for the city. The first step was the recent finalization of the community survey. Those results have been reviewed and it will be presented to the City Council on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Some concerns were code and blight enforcement as well as homeless related services. The next step will be to hold a City Council work session on February 23, 2018.

Mr. Wille stated the T-Town event will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event showcases city services.

Mr. Wille continued the budget forecast will be provided in April or May. At this time the revenues and expenditures will be ongoing. There are still some outstanding issues such as Click!, providing homeless services, affordable housing strategies, deferred maintenance, and replacing fleet vehicles. The budget will be proposed in October and adopted in December. He noted the City Manager would like JMAC to know how much she appreciates the group meeting together and the opportunity for discussion that it provides going forward.

Mr. Wille stated that as a result of the community survey, there are regional issues to be worked on such as homeless services, mental and behavioral health. He noted city staff Tanisha Jumper has contacted the county to begin discussions on regional collaboration. Ms. Jumper is the Vision 2025 strategic manager. The City is working on program based budgeting. Other items are filling the vacant position for the Community and Economic Development director, and better engagement of the community from a Council standpoint. A copy of the community survey will be sent to JMAC members.

Jessie Baines commented that there is a community workforce agreement. The City Manager has enacted a disparity study to see what the disparities are within the community. There have also been discussions on a community benefits agreement. This takes it a step further than a community workforce agreement which is tied to hiring local workers on jobs. A community benefits agreement focuses not only on the workers but also the sub-contractors and how local residents would benefit from economic development in the community. This will be a future agenda item.

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

Chair Ladenburg discussed the revised schedule for taking minutes at the JMAC meetings. Also future agenda items were reviewed. Chair Ladenburg asked that future agenda topics/ideas be sent to her.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Tribal Journeys Presentation (Puyallup Tribe of Indians)
Hilltop Library Presentation (City of Tacoma)
Eastside Library Presentation (Metro Parks Tacoma)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Whole Child Initiative Follow-Up
Child Dependency - Foster Care -Remann Hall (Connie Ladenburg w/TJ Bohl)
Community Workforce (Benefits) Agreement (Metro Parks Tacoma)
Tacoma Dome Link Light Rail Extension (Sound Transit)
Hilltop Library (City of Tacoma) (March)
Eastside Library (Metro Parks) (March)
Tribal Journeys Presentation (Puyallup Tribe) (March)
Opioid Summit Report (Pierce County, City of Tacoma, Task Force Co-Chairs) (April)
Land Banking and Surplus Property Strategies Follow-Up (Jordan Rash, Forterra) (May)
Homeless Encampments Update (City, County Agencies) (June)
Ruston Way Visioning (Metro Parks) (July)
Addressing Poverty from a Governmental Standpoint
Affordable Housing
Sub-Area Plan – Tideflats Area
IDEA
Workforce Development
South Sound 911/Emergency Management
Continue Mental Health Conversation
Youth Mental Health Issues: Trafficking, Housing/Shelters, Gangs, Drugs, etc.
Economic Development Growth and Impacts
Trades, Apprenticeships, and Regional Partnerships (Tacoma SD, Bates, City)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Tacoma Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Connie Ladenburg adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.