

**Minutes**  
**Joint Municipal Action Committee**  
**July 13, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Clare Petrich called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL-JMAC COMMITTEE**

Clare Petrich, Vice Chair, Port of Tacoma  
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Andrea Smith, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Debbie Winskill, Tacoma Public Schools

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS**

City of Tacoma: Randy Lewis, Bucoda Warren  
Tacoma Public Utilities: Anita Gallagher  
Metro Parks Tacoma: Andrew Austin, Marty Stump, Jennifer Bowman  
Port of Tacoma: Evette Mason  
Tacoma Libraries: Kate Larson  
Pierce County Libraries: Georgia Lomax


**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as revised; seconded and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of May 11, 2018 and June 8, 2018 be approved as presented; seconded and passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

-  Ruston Way Visioning  
Andrew Austin, Governmental Affairs Officer for Metro Parks Tacoma opened the update by noting that Metro Parks Tacoma and the City of Tacoma are taking a deep look at the community's waterfront. He commented that the intended outcome is to produce a community vision for the Tacoma waterfront – what it looks like, what it offers, and how to improve it for future generations.  
Marty Stump, Planning and Construction Manager for Metro Parks Tacoma reviewed slides noting Ruston Way context and land ownership. Mr. Stump also commented on the deep history of the waterfront as well as its historical and cultural legacy in Tacoma. Metro Parks' staff stated that Ruston Way is a complex setting that encompasses recreation, shoreline assets, cultural attractions, transportation issues, and seawall deterioration.

The committee was informed that the goal of the project is to develop a community vision for the Tacoma waterfront and a conceptual design and action plan for the Ruston Way segment. Project objectives outlined by Mr. Austin include:

- Extensive and inclusive citywide outreach techniques and channels to garner meaningful public and stakeholder input and buy in.
- Be visionary, yet rooted in current constraints, opportunities, conditions, and realities.
- Unify a shared vision for Ruston Way that connects all of Tacoma to its waterfront with a focus on equity.
- Provide guidance for long-term approach to capital improvements to Ruston Way and leverage future bond, grant, and philanthropic efforts.

Mr. Austin stated that Metro Parks Tacoma has been and is continuing to work with partners as well as taking questions about the project out to the public. Public outreach was launched last year at the Down Town to Defiance Event. Through this work some major themes have emerged including transportation challenges, storm water management, climate changes, climate resiliency, regional and international best practices.

Mr. Austin reported that 2018 milestones for the project included the following:

Consultant Contract to Metro Parks Board (July)  
Technical and stakeholder meetings continue (Summer-Fall)  
Ongoing data and plan gathering  
Citywide public engagement continues (Summer-Fall-Winter)  
Equity focused outreach (Summer-Fall)  
Public, agency, and stakeholder 3-day visioning charrette (Fall)

Evette Mason suggested that project prioritization during the charrette process occur to help with future funding opportunities.

#### Pierce County Library Update

Georgia Lomax, Director of Pierce County Libraries commented that a strategic plan was developed and implemented in 2017. Ms. Lomax commented that the framework guides service through learning, enjoyment, and community initiatives. Ms. Lomax commented on the funding challenges for the system due to the limit on property tax. She stated that they are currently going out to work with the public to discuss priorities that will help build the budget. In addition, recently the Library Board of Trustees has approved a ballot measure to be placed before the voters in November. If approved the levy would support current services for the next five years. If the measure is not approved, cuts in the system would need to be made. Average cost for homeowners would be \$29 per year.

Tim Reid suggested that the library system request endorsements from local agencies.

Clare Petrich suggested sister city activities be available through libraries.

#### Tacoma Public Libraries

Kate Larson, Director of Tacoma Public Libraries opened the discussion by giving several historical facts about the establishment of the Library system in Tacoma. Ms. Larson showed several historic photos through several decades. A map showing the current system including the main and seven branches was briefly discussed. Ms. Larson indicated the mission statement for the libraries is currently being reviewed. In addition she noted that the strategic direction guiding the system includes: digital equity and

access, access to library services, education and work force development, supporting students, meeting community needs, and equitable service delivery.

Ms. Larson then commented on a series of conversations being offered to the public to gather additional input on how libraries can help transform community.

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

- ✚ Vice Chair Clare Petrich, with agreement from the present members canceled the August 10, 2018 meeting. It was noted the September 14, 2018 meeting will be the next quarterly meeting.

## **SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- ✚ September 14 – Update on Forterra Land Study/Map Project

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Legislative Agenda – November Quarterly meeting  
Whole Child Initiative Follow-up  
Child Dependency - Foster Care - Remann Hall (Connie Ladenburg w/TJ Bohl)  
Community Workforce (Benefits) Agreement (Metro Parks Tacoma)  
Homeless Encampments Update (City, County Agencies) (June)  
Ruston Way Visioning (Metro Parks) (July)  
Library Update (July)  
Tacoma Dome Link Light Rail Extension (Sound Transit)  
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, September 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Tacoma Municipal Building. This will be the quarterly meeting with the CEOs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Clare Petrich adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.