

Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
Quarterly Meeting
November 9, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Tacoma Municipal Building, Conference Room 248

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Connie Ladenburg called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

ROLL CALL-JMAC COMMITTEE

Connie Ladenburg, Chair, Pierce County
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma
Anders Ibsen, City of Tacoma
Debbie Winskill, Tacoma Public Schools

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

City of Tacoma: Randy Lewis, Tadd Wille, Elizabeth Pauli, Bucoda Warren
Tacoma Public Schools: Josh Garcia
Metro Parks: Andrew Austin, Joe Brady
Pierce County: Michael Shaw, Annette Swillie
Foss Waterway Development Authority: Norm Gollub

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of October 12, 2018 be approved; passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative Updates

Mike Shaw, Pierce County Government Relations – Election Summary based on preliminary results

Initiatives:

I-1631 Carbon Tax – possibly part of the legislative transportation package; I-1634 Grocery; I-1639 Firearms; I-940 Law enforcement – legislative deal to amend initiative in two years

Legislature:

Seven new Democrat members in House of Representatives (57 Dem – 50 Rep)
Three new Senate members (28 Dems – 21 Rep)
Senate Democrats re-org next Monday – determine leadership

Pierce County Legislative Agenda:

- Criminal defense costs
- WSH Legislative Task force brief (Council Member Ladenburg)
Working with stakeholders to ensure safety of patients released into our community, staff and residents.
- State pay fair share of election costs – jurisdictions pay their own cost. State only funds in odd years (not even years)
- Other request items

Randy Lewis – City of Tacoma general overview of Legislative Agenda (Dec. 4th release)

- Shared revenues from state to cities/counties for affordable housing (amount unknown);
Mandate what is to be done or suggest how money spent (?)
- Legislative Transportation Committee Members tour of projects; Puyallup River Bridge replace two of the nine sections; however, no money (grants) for remaining sections needing replacement (large traffic loads - over 30k vehicles per day)
- Highway 167 and culverts
- *(Murray Morgan bridge paid with Puyallup Land Claim settlement left-over funds and WA State)*

Josh Garcia - Tacoma Public Schools request of State (three focus areas):

- Operational funding levies
- Fully fund special education (14% population in Tacoma Schools)
- 60% construction bond to simple majority – let local community decide
- Other:
Discussion regarding special education funding following the student (between districts)
Increased needs for special needs, mental health and homelessness

Andrew Austin - Metro Parks Tacoma preliminary overview:

- Homelessness: funding and enforcement
- Commissioner compensation legislative proposal
- Zoo/conservation advocacy
- Whole child initiative
- Foss Waterway parks – support legislative ask
- South Tacoma (10-minute walk level of service standards) capital request
- Operational dollars (partnership) work with school district; reduce costs to citizens
- Use Asset Mapping: what are the spaces, when available? School/parks
- Parks and Schools work jointly on capital projects (design?)
- Titlow lagoon project for salmon
- Norm Gollub update on Foss Waterway parks
Regional rowing and children's park (46% from government – 54% from private funding)

Anders Ibsen – City of Tacoma

- Preserve home rule authority
- Increase library funding: remote/mobile library units, add a librarian
Co-locate and partner with Metro Parks

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

No items were discussed.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

December 14, 2018 Regular Meeting – Sound Transit TDLE Presentation

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Pierce Transit and JMAC Discussion
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)
Address 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, December 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Tacoma Municipal Building.

- January 11, 2019 Regular Meeting
- February 8, 2019 Quarterly Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Connie Ladenburg adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.