

**Minutes
Joint Municipal Action Committee
December 12, 2014**

PRESENT

Kurt Miller (Tacoma School Board)
Catherine Ushka, Vice-Chair (Tacoma School Board)
Tim Reid (Metropolitan Park Board)
Erik Hanberg (Metropolitan Park Board)
Evette Mason (Port of Tacoma)
Randy Lewis (City of Tacoma)
Nancy Davis (Metropolitan Park District)
Anders Ibsen (City of Tacoma)
Jennifer Joly (Pierce County)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Catherine Ushka called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves. Also in attendance were guests: Dan Voelpel, Tacoma Schools; Karen Goodrowe, Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium; John Garner, Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium; Gary Geddes, Zoological & Environmental Education Director with Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium; and Tonya Beattie, Tacoma Public Schools.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Kurt Miller moved to adopt the Agenda. Tim Reid seconded the motion. The Vice-Chair declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kurt Miller moved to approve the November 14, 2014 minutes. Anders Ibsen seconded the motion. The Vice-Chair declared the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS

2015 Conservation Initiatives

Gary Geddes, Karen Goodrowe and John Garner presented the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium conservation initiatives. Highlights include breeding programs, the Shark Fin ban, the 96 Elephants project, and numerous educational programs, among others.

Election of Officers

Kurt Miller nominated Catherine Ushka for Chair. Tim Reid seconded the motion. The chair declared the motion passed.

Tim Reid nominated Erik Hanberg for Vice-Chair. Kurt Miller seconded the motion. The chair declared the motion passed.

New Agency/Organization Invitation to Join JMAC

The group discussed the possibility of extending an invitation to other agencies or organizations to join JMAC. The group discussed specifically inviting the Puyallup Tribe to attend and determined that John Whiner would be contacted to provide a recommended representative. It was also recommended that the JMAC Chair actually attend a tribe meeting for an in-person invitation and to provide background information on JMAC.

It was noted that it is very important for a representative from the City of Tacoma to be present at all JMAC meetings.

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

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Kurt Miller requested the January Agenda include Connie Ladenburg presenting the 1/10 of tax for mental health.

Kurt Miller January Agenda, Summer Jobs 253 Presentation – (City of Tacoma)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Economic Development Opportunities – Brainstorming Session

Summer Jobs 253 Presentation – (City of Tacoma)

Optum Health Care Presentation (Cheri Dolezal, CEO/Executive Director)

Discuss and List Combined Legislative Goals

Mental Health Issues Discussion – Where do we go from here?

Trades, Apprenticeship, Regional Partnerships (Tacoma School District, Bates Technical College and City of Tacoma)

Presentation on Charter Review (City of Tacoma)

Youth Mental Health Issues: Trafficking, Housing/Shelters, Gangs, etc.

Update on 2015 U.S. Open (November/December 2014)

Economic Development Growth and Impacts

Earth Week Citizen's Academy Update (Anders Ibsen)

Affordable Housing Policies (Anders Ibsen / Lauren Walker)

Foss/Hylebos Recontamination (Port of Tacoma)

Earth Economics (Metro Parks Tacoma)

Tim Reid, February Agenda, Pt. Defiance waterfront

Jennifer Joly to ask Bruce Kendall & Denise Dyer (Ricardo Noguera), February

February CEO overview of Economic Development

Erik Hanberg, March Agenda, sports commission

Nancy Davis, April Agenda, economic development & internships

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, January 9, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 248 at the Tacoma Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.