

## Minutes

### Joint Municipal Action Committee

Friday, April 12, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting: in-person option (Tacoma Municipal Building, Conf. Rm. 248) and virtual attendance option via Zoom

#### CALL TO ORDER

Rosie Ayala, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL – JMAC COMMITTEE

Kristina Walker, JMAC Chair, City of Tacoma + Pierce Transit  
Rosie Ayala, JMAC Vice Chair, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Elizabeth Bonbright, Tacoma Public Schools  
Marty Campbell, Pierce County + Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.  
Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma  
Ryan Mello, Pierce County + Pierce Transit  
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Korey Strozier, Tacoma Public Schools

#### JMAC CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Josh Garcia, Tacoma Public Schools  
Chantell Harmon Reed, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

#### GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Alicia Lawver, Tacoma Public Schools  
Andrea Smith, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Anita Gallagher, JMAC Consultant  
Brenna Price, Pierce County Council  
Chrisy Vindivich, City of Tacoma  
Cindan Gizzi, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department  
Gretchen Caserotti, Tacoma Pierce County Library  
Jacques Colon, City of Tacoma  
Jeff Robinson, City of Tacoma  
Juan Beltran-Gonzalez, Senator Patty Murray's Office  
Keri Waterland, Pierce County Council  
Lauren Adler, Pierce Transit  
Melanie Harding, City of Tacoma  
Sally Perkins, Practical Solutions  
Sandi Pizir, Port of Tacoma  
Tina Lee, Pierce Transit

#### WELCOME& INTRODUCTIONS

**Vice Chair Rosie Ayala** provided welcoming remarks. Chantell Harmon Reed, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD), introduced herself as the new Director of Public Health. JMAC members introduced themselves.

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Vice Chair Ayala** made a tribal land acknowledgment.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 8, 2024, be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

### **PREVIOUS MEETING RECAP / DIRECTION**

**Vice Chair Ayala** reviewed Public Health and Safety and Community Wealth Building topics discussed at the previous meeting. Chair Walker commented on the challenges of not having places for unhoused people to go. **Vice Chair Ayala** talked about working with the state Legislature on aligning strategies. She reviewed her group's community wealth building discussion, including the high cost of childcare and how after-school programs might be able to serve as additional childcare resources. Tacoma Public Schools **Superintendent Josh Garcia** noted that their after-school program is running five days a week, with help from over 60 partners. He reported that there have been 24,662 participants, with 6,909 individual kids attending the program. **Vice Chair Ayala** highlighted additional discussion themes from the breakout session.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: PIERCE TRANSIT SIX-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Tina Lee**, Pierce Transit Planning Manager, presented a PowerPoint titled "Six Year Strategic Plan" that highlighted rider priorities, including an increase in frequency, safety, and reliability. Goals include adopting a "customer first" mindset; engaging the community through outreach, partnerships, and listening; elevating employee experience; and maintaining sustainability of their finances and infrastructure. **Lee** introduced **Lauren Adler**, Pierce Transit Government Relations, who introduced herself. **Chair Walker** encouraged members to use the bus system and made additional comments. **Elizabeth Bonbright**, Tacoma Public Schools, asked how to pay for the Runner, and **Lee** responded that the ORCA card is the best option, but you can also use the Pierce Transit app or purchase a ticket at one of their retail locations. **Lee** responded to additional questions from members.

### **COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING: SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH**

JMAC members shared their plans for providing employment opportunities for youth during the summer months. **Tim Reid**, Metro Parks Tacoma, noted that their number of employees increases from 800 to 1,100 during the summer months. **Superintendent Garcia** commented on the importance of giving youth employment opportunities in the summer not only to earn money but to explore career opportunities and spend their energy in positive ways. He offered to help answer questions for anyone who was considering hiring youth employees. Members discussed how they could provide additional intern and hiring opportunities for youth.

**Superintendent Garcia** provided updates on the Summer Late Nights program, including a call to action for more community partners to invest in the program.

**Anita Gallagher**, JMAC Consultant, reviewed a transportation capital project focus document that the Port of Tacoma created, and noted that that format might be useful for other funding priorities. **Deanna Keller**, Port of Tacoma, requested that members provide feedback for discussion at the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Vice Chair Ayala** called for public comments; there were none.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Chair Walker** noted that the City of Tacoma Sustainability Expo was happening on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Tim Reid** reviewed a ribbon cutting for Melanie's Park on Dock Street.

**Vice Chair Ayala** noted an upcoming dedication of Gas Station Park to honor Councilmember **Catherine Ushka**, and Councilmember **Marty Campbell**, Pierce County, provided additional comments.

**Commissioner Keller** added that the Daffodil Marine Parade was also happening that weekend.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice Chair Ayala** adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

*\*Minutes taken by Pierce County Council*