

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Mike Lonergan, Chair
Gene Cerino
James Rackley
Larry Wilcox
Tom Smallwood
Scott Malkuch
Butch Brooks
Pad Finnigan
Katrina Asay
Roger Bush
Ray Bourne
Matthew Richardson
Marilyn Strickland
Linda Bird**

**City of Tacoma
City of Auburn
City of Bonney Lake
City of DuPont
Town of Eatonville
City of Edgewood
City of Fife
City of Lakewood
City of Milton
Pierce County Council
City of Roy
City of Sumner
City of Tacoma
City of University Place**

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandra Ramsey
Richie Morgan
Kathy McVay
Derek Young
Helen McGovern
Joe Pestinger
Gary Van Hee
Barbara Gelman
John Ladenburg
Tim Farrell
Clare Petrich
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant
Peggy Levesque
Ron Lucas
Bill Baarsma
Jean Brooks
Becky Gilbert

City of Buckley
Town of Carbonado
City of Fircrest
City of Gig Harbor
City of Lakewood
City of Orting
City of Pacific
Pierce County Council
Pierce County Executive
Pierce County Council
Port of Tacoma
City of Puyallup
City of Puyallup
Town of Ruston
Town of South Prairie
Town of Steilacoom
City of Tacoma
City of University Place
Town of Wilkeson

Non-members present:

Dan Cardwell, GMCC Member
Leonard Sanderson, City of Milton
Sean Eagan, Port of Tacoma
James Halmo, citizen

Ike Nwankwo, CTED
Robin Mayhew, PSRC
Bud Rehberg, citizen

Mike Lonergan, Chair of the PCRC, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: (Gene Cerino, Linda Bird, second) - To approve the meeting minutes from 01/17/08 and 02/21/08. The motion passed unanimously.

GMCC Report

Dan Cardwell, GMCC member, reported on February and March GMCC meetings. Nineteen jurisdictions were represented at the last meeting. Arthur Sullivan, King County ARCH Program, gave a presentation on the ARCH Program. The subcommittee will provide the draft affordable housing policies at the March GMCC meeting. It is anticipated the GMCC recommendation will be forwarded to the PCRC by late summer.

Centers Update/Review

Dan Cardwell discussed the process for approval of the Centers section of the Countywide Planning Policies.

PSRC Destination 2030 Presentation

Robin Mayhew provided a handout and PowerPoint presentation: Criteria for Evaluation of Alternative in Destination 2030 Plan Update. The scoping process is available on the PSRC website.

Buildable Lands Workshops Summary Report

Dan Cardwell, Buildable Lands Coordinator, provided a summary from the “Stake Your Claim in Buildable Lands Decisions” public workshops held in March. He encouraged the group to be involved in the process. He is available to attend city/town council meetings and provide a study session for those interested. He can be reached by e-mail at dcardwe@co.pierce.wa.us or by phone at 233.798.7039.

At the request of some of the group, the Buildable Lands Ordinance and Exhibits will be sent to PCRC members.

Linda Bird is concerned about the percentage increase of growth that has been established, as well as the vote taking place next Thursday by the Population Allocations Technical Group at PSRC. She wanted to know how to negotiate the numbers and stated University Place is built-out and already has densities higher than most areas of Pierce County.

Dan Cardwell stated allocation procedures will be developed to address this issue.

Roger Bush said the numbers are a concern for all jurisdictions. It is not unique to University Place. Growth is a reality that needs to be accepted by all jurisdictions.

Gene Cerino stated highways of state-wide significance are tied to RTID funding which requires growth in order to receive the funding.

Matthew Richardson stated Sumner has repeatedly expressed its concerns with the density and was also frustrated with the annexation process. He expressed his frustration with areas that be cannot annexed because they are not in the UGA. He felt that could be a way to meet the numbers in the future.

Committee Reports/Announcements

Executive Board and Operations Committee (Linda Bird, Rep. / Joe Pestinger, Alt.)

No report.

Transportation Policy Board (Katrina Asay, Rep. / Gene Cerino, Alt.)

Gene Cerino reported on how highways of state-wide significance are determined and discussed freight mobility. The Board also discussed that the Panama Canal is currently being enlarged and how it will force us to improve our freight-ways.

Growth Management Policy Board (Tom Smallwood, Rep. / Matthew Richardson, Alt.)

Mike Lonergan stated April 24th is the adoption date for VISION 2040 and mentioned he will be in Las Vegas to present VISION 2040 at the APA Conference.

Economic Development District Board (Katrina Asay, Pad Finnigan)

Katrina Asay reported the Board has started meeting every other month. The group will have a benchmarking meeting involving areas all around the world.

Linda Bird announced the City of Federal Way urged Sound Transit to get light rail to Tacoma. Its council passed a resolution to push Sound Transit to let the people decide if the second largest city in the state needs to be connected to the largest city. It has requested a copy of the resolution be obtained by the clerk and distributed to everyone.

Motion (Roger Bush, Linda Bird, second): The PCRC will not meet in May and June due to lack of agenda items. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.