

**MEETING SUMMARY
OF THE
PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL
JUNE 19, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Lonergan, Chair
Bobbi Allison
Scott Malkuch
Butch Brooks
Derek Young
Helen McGovern
Doug Richardson
Joe Pestinger
Ray Bourne

City of Tacoma
Town of Eatonville
City of Edgewood
City of Fife
City of Gig Harbor
City of Lakewood
City of Lakewood
City of Orting
City of Roy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gene Cerino
Sandra Ramsey
James Rackley
Richie Morgan
Larry Wilcox
Kathy McVay
Katrina Asay
Gary Van Hee
Roger Bush
Barbara Gelman
John Ladenburg
Tim Farrell
Clare Petrich
Vacant
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Peggy Levesque
Ron Lucas
Matthew Richardson
Bill Baarsma
Marilyn Strickland
Linda Bird
Jean Brooks
Becky Gilbert

City of Auburn
City of Buckley
City of Bonney Lake
Town of Carbonado
City of DuPont
City of Fircrest
City of Milton
City of Pacific
Pierce County Council
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 Sumner
City of Tacoma
City of Tacoma
City of University Place
City of University Place
Town of Wilkeson

Non-members present:

Councilmember Rick Hansen, City of Puyallup
Chip Vincent, Pierce County Staff
Norman Abbott, PSRC
Sean Eagan, Port of Tacoma
Nancy Ecklund, City of Puyallup Staff

Councilmember Mike Deal, City of Puyallup
Ike Nwankwo, CTED
Pat O'Neill, TCC Chair
George Patterson, Pierce Transit

Mike Lonergan, Chair of the PCRC, called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. A quorum was not present. (The Association of Washington Cities was held at the time of the meeting resulting in several absences.)

Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes from 04/17/08 could not be approved.

TCC Report

Pat O'Neill, TCC Chair provided a brief update. He stated there was additional funding available and the contingency list was provided to PSRC accompanied by a letter from the Chair. The TCC will meet this fall to discuss and create new guidelines for submitting an application. The PCRC should expect a call for projects in March 2009 for future funding. Due to the 2008 Public Works Economic Stimulus package that was proposed to Congress, a project list was requested. The TCC met with cities and towns and provided a project list to the state.

GMCC Report

Chip Vincent reported the group is continuing its work on the amendments to the affordable housing policies and working on the Buildable Lands Reasonable Measures Report.

Sound Transit Parking and Related Issues

Councilmembers Richardson, Rackley, and Malkuch asked the Chair to call a meeting to order to discuss the topic. A PowerPoint Presentation was provided by Councilmember Malkuch which recapped the meeting that was held between: Sumner, Bonney Lake, Edgewood, Puyallup, and Orting.

Councilmember Richardson (who was not in attendance) proposed the following resolution:

To: Sound Transit and the Cities of Greater Transit Service Area
From: Pierce County Regional Council

Re: Resolution of Support for Regional Parking Solutions

Whereas, several articles have been written about the parking situation related to Sound Transit and the impact commuters have on the cities due to their stations.

Whereas, we believe these articles capture the challenges we face and that the cities of Puyallup and Sumner are critical to finding solutions that will work well into the future, and that our region will continue to be a laboratory for commuters of the south sound because of the demand and the high number of ridership we already experience.

Whereas, we have been faced with parking and traffic issues for years due to Sounders' success, we need to find solutions now before the public comment period ends and the next funding package goes to the voters.

Whereas, there exists a desire to seek opportunities for alternative and regional locations that address long term solutions for the continued growth of rail transportation and the related parking demands on our cities.

Whereas, joint or regionally-oriented locations are designed to solve all these aspects, and could allow for greater cost savings by pooling available Sounder resources into regional sites near Sumner and Puyallup.

Whereas, 14 members of the five cities of Bonney Lake, Edgewood, Orting, Puyallup and Sumner, recently met to consider regional solution and transmitted that request for our consideration and resolution of support.

Whereas the public expects their elected officials to find alternative locations that address long term solutions for the continued growth of rail transportation through open discussion with Sound Transit and neighboring cities of the region to solve the parking and traffic gridlock problem.

Whereas, the Puget Sound Regional Council recently adopted VISION 2040 plan that intends to find new funding sources to assist local jurisdictions to make investments that support growth and remain close to regional planning activities.

And Whereas, the PCRC' transportation policy board will be updating the long-range regional transportation plan set to achieve the transportation plan alternatives outlined in the VISION 2040 guidelines.

Now Therefore, we the undersigned representatives of the Pierce County Regional Council do confirm and encourage the cities of Pierce County to adopt those policies that are in the best long-term interest of the region, our county, our cities, and our combined residents, and to support and seek alternatives that best achieve a respectful balance between the long-term needs of transit commuters and the desires of their host cities and residents.

Following a lengthy discussion, the majority of the group felt this topic is isolated to certain cities/towns, that it needed to be handled by the jurisdiction(s) involved, and not by a resolution or recommendation from this body. Scott Malkuch felt the intent of the topic of discussion was to gain a consensus of whether or not this was a regional topic or a local topic. He wasn't anticipating an action tonight.

Committee Reports/Announcements

Help support your jurisdiction to expedite the process to amend the Countywide Planning Policies centers policies. If you need additional information or assistance, please contact the clerk.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Growth Management Policy Board (Tom Smallwood, Rep. / Matthew Richardson, Alt.)
VISION 2040 was adopted at the April General Assembly with 93% representation.

Economic Development District Board (Katrina Asay, Pad Finnigan)

They are currently discussing how to keep/create economic growth in Pierce County.

Zoo/Trek Authority Board

Bobbi Allison reported briefly on her first meeting and announced that Pt. Defiance has opened the new Kid Zone. Also, there is a new luxury liner that will take you to NW Trek.

Announcement

Chip Vincent has accepted a position as the Planning Director for the City of Renton. He was presented a certificate of appreciation for his years of service to this body. He has been a key PCRC/GMCC support staff person since 1993.

Mike Lonergan provided a letter regarding the economic impacts of Ft. Lewis: A Growth Installation. The letter will be provided to the group electronically. The base is going to have a 37% gain in personnel and a 44 % gain in dependents. This topic will be placed on a future agenda as a discussion item.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.