

**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE  
PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MARCH 17, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bobbi Allison, Chair	Town of Eatonville
Mark Hamilton	City of Bonney Lake
Pat Johnson	City of Buckley
Donna O’Ravez	City of Edgewood
Glenn Hull	City of Fife
Kathy McVay	City of Fircrest
Doug Richardson	City of Lakewood
Jason Whalen	City of Lakewood
Leonard Sanderson	City of Milton
John Jones	City of Pacific
Roger Bush	Pierce County Council
John Knutsen	City of Puyallup
Nicole Martineau	City of Puyallup
Ron Lucas	Town of Steilacoom
Steve Allsop	City of Sumner
Marty Campbell	City of Tacoma
Joseph Lonergan	City of Tacoma
Eric Choiniere	City of University Place

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Richard Wagner	City of Auburn
Richie Morgan	Town of Carbonado
Larry Wilcox	City of DuPont
Derek Young	City of Gig Harbor
Don Anderson	City of Lakewood
Debra Perry	City of Milton
David Inge	City of Orting
Pat McCarthy	Pierce County Executive
Tim Farrell	Pierce County Council
Joyce McDonald	Pierce County Council
Don Meyer	Port of Tacoma
Ray Bourne	City of Roy
Peggy Levesque	Town of South Prairie
Vacant	Town of Ruston
Lauren Walker	City of Tacoma
Donna Hogerhuis	Town of Wilkeson
Caroline Belleci	City of University Place

**Non-members present:**

Ian Munce, GMCC Chair	Sean Eagan, Port of Tacoma	Jim Halmo, Citizen
Norman Abbott, PSRC	Jeff Storrar, PSRC	Bud Rehberg, Citizen
Nancy Eklund, Puyallup	Tom Washington, WSDOT	Axel Lindstrom, Citizen
David Swindale, University Place	Hugh Taylor, Pierce County Council	Dan Cardwell, PALS

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: (Hull, Campbell, second) To approve the January & February meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **GMCC Report**

Ian Munce, GMCC Chair, noted that the GMCC will continue working on a couple of outstanding issues with the CPP amendments. The GMCC's goal is to present a completed update to the PCRC in April. Issues remaining relate to school facilities in rural areas and annexation policies. The Clerk will prepare an updated document for PCRC review in April.

The GMCC recommends that the PCRC take four actions related to the CPPs. Separate approval actions for each of the three regional center proposals and one action for the policy amendment proposal.

### **Request for Additional Seats on PSRC Boards**

Glenn Hull informed the PCRC that this request did not make it out of the PSRC Operations Committee. Norman Abbot added further information noting that there is both an 18-member option and a 20-member option being considered. Currently there are 16 members. He anticipates that the Operations Committee will move forward with possibly the 20-member option which would offer Pierce County one more seat.

**Motion: (Choiniere, Bush, second) To table pending further information. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Center Designation Presentations (3)**

Ian Munce, as GMCC Chair, recapped the procedures followed to get to this point, noting that both the GMCC and TCC have reviewed and recommended approval of all three designations, and if ratified, will be included in the CPPs. Mr. Abbott noted that currently there are 27 regional growth centers and some never went through the ratification/criteria process.

David Swindale, University Place, presented an overview of the city's proposal for a 465-acre regional growth center.

**Motion: (Bush, Lucas, second) To adopt all three centers designations together.**

Joe Lonergan noted that he cannot support a motion that lumps them all together. He noted that jurisdictions should have the opportunity to approve the proposals independently, otherwise a jurisdiction may find it necessary to vote all three down, while it may only oppose one of the three.

Ian Munce, City of Tacoma, provided the information on the city's application for the South Tacoma Manufacturing/Industrial Center. Jurisdictions committing to these centers are preserving their industrial lands. Mr. Lonergan noted they are eager to get this development started.

Jay Bennett, City of Pacific, Community Development and Public Works Director, presented the joint Pacific/Sumner Manufacturing/Industrial Center, noting that it is a partnership that serves both jurisdictions well.

**Motion: (Campbell, Richardson, second) To amend the original motion to adopt the centers individually. The group arrived at consensus and will vote separately on each proposal.**

**Motion: (Lonergan, Campbell, second) To support approval of the centers designation from the City of University Place. The motion passed with one nay vote (Lucas).**

**Motion: (Lonergan, Choiniere, second) To support approval of the centers designation from the City of Tacoma. The motion passed with one abstention (Bush).**

**Motion: (Bush, Jones, second) To support approval of the joint centers designation from the Cities of Pacific/Sumner. The motion passed with one nay vote (Hull).**

### Countywide Planning Policies

**Motion: (Bush, Jones, second) To approve proposed March amendments to Countywide Planning Policies.**

Mark Hamilton questioned the proposed annexation language. Mr. Cardwell commented on the insertion of a definition for municipal urban growth area. This term has been in CPPs since the beginning. Although the term is not in GMA, the intent is to have a connection between unincorporated urban areas and municipalities. Cities and towns are currently affiliated through a process in comprehensive plans. Mr. Hamilton feels it “pigeon holes” a city. After further discussion it was determined that the proposed annexation amendments should get further refinement at the GMCC and return to the PCRC in April.

It was noted that the language shown in 2.3.2 on page 7 of the attachment had previously been modified by the PCRC in November, with Mr. Cardwell reading the correct version.

Mr. Bush withdrew his original motion, proposing a new motion.

**Motion: (Bush, Whalen second) To approve March amendments to the CPPs with the exception of any annexation language and of the 2.3.2 language which is in error. The motion passed unanimously.**

### Buildable Lands Light

Dan Cardwell explained the proposal and asked for support of the Buildable Lands “Light” approach. The Department of Commerce is supportive of this proposal and has asked Pierce County to receive approval from the PCRC. Proposal is supported by the GMCC.

**Motion: (Bush, Hull second) To support a more simplistic approach as assigned. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.