

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL
APRIL 21, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobbi Allison, Chair	Town of Eatonville
Richard Wagner	City of Auburn
Mark Hamilton	City of Bonney Lake
Larry Wilcox	City of DuPont
Glenn Hull	City of Fife
Derek Young	City of Gig Harbor
Jason Whalen	City of Lakewood
Leonard Sanderson	City of Milton
John Jones	City of Pacific
Pat McCarthy	Pierce County Executive
Roger Bush	Pierce County Council
John Knutsen	City of Puyallup
Nicole Martineau	City of Puyallup
Michelle Walker	City of Roy
Ron Lucas	Town of Steilacoom
Steve Allsop	City of Sumner
Joseph Lonergan	City of Tacoma
Lauren Walker	City of Tacoma
Eric Choiniere	City of University Place

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pat Johnson	City of Buckley
Richie Morgan	Town of Carbonado
Donna O’Ravez	City of Edgewood
Kathy McVay	City of Fircrest
Don Anderson	City of Lakewood
Doug Richardson	City of Lakewood
Debra Perry	City of Milton
David Inge	City of Orting
Tim Farrell	Pierce County Council
Joyce McDonald	Pierce County Council
Don Meyer	Port of Tacoma
Peggy Levesque	Town of South Prairie
Vacant	Town of Ruston
Marty Campbell	City of Tacoma
Donna Hogerhuis	Town of Wilkeson
Caroline Belleci	City of University Place

Non-members present:

Ian Munce, GMCC Chair	Hugh Taylor, Pierce County Council	Jeff Storrar, PSRC
Dan Cardwell, PALS		
Jim Halmo, Citizen	Bud Rehberg, Citizen	Marilyn Sanders, Citizen

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

Motion: A motion was made (Hull/Choiniere) to amend the agenda to include a discussion on guiding principles for PSRC advisory committees. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: (Martineau/Lonergan, second) To approve the minutes of March 17, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

GMCC Report

Ian Munce, GMCC Chair, advised the PCRC that the updates to the Countywide Planning Policies are complete and ready for PCRC action. He reminded the members that the 2009 amendments to the affordable housing section have not been ratified as of this date; the population numbers required are there, but not the required number of jurisdictions. The CPP document presented at this meeting includes the housing language out for ratification. There were two remaining issues relating to schools in rural areas and annexation process that the GMCC has provided recommendations.

Amendment to Ed-5.3 addresses issues relating to schools in rural areas. The current proposal reads:

Ed-5. The County, and each municipality in the County, shall determine specific siting requirements for all public and private educational facilities and shall meet specific educational facility needs by:

5.3 **working toward standards that would prioritize** prioritizing the location of these facilities to be in urban areas, with consideration to existing facilities in rural areas.

Related to the annexation issues, planning staff continues to work on this issue and would like to see it added to the 2011 GMCC work program, rather than hold up the ratification on the CPPs as a whole.

It was noted that the population/housing unit/employment targets are to be incorporated as an appendix to the CPPs once adopted by the Pierce County Council. A Determination of Nonsignificance has already been issued related to the updates as a whole. It was noted that cities and towns would have the ability to appeal the targets to the GMHB if the County Council made unacceptable changes.

MOTION

A motion was made (Pat McCarthy/Lauren Walker) to add continued efforts on annexation issues in the CPPs to the GMCC 2011 Work Program. The motion passed unanimously.

Countywide Planning Policies [Final Review]/ Population/Housing Unit/Employment Targets

MOTION

A motion was made (Roger Bush/Lauren Walker) to approve the updates to the Countywide Planning Policies as presented from the GMCC and with the inclusion of the latest amendment to Ed 5.3, and to include any formatting corrections necessary, and including the 20-year Population/Housing/Employment Targets, and forward to the County Council. The motion passed with one nay vote (Mark Hamilton).

Guiding principles for PSRC advisory boards

Glenn Hull stated that the PSRC is in the middle of review on how their policy boards are comprised. No county or jurisdictions should not comprise more than 50%; no single jurisdiction should have more than one seat. King County and King County jurisdictions control 51%; Pierce County and jurisdictions make up 22.16%. Derek Young stated that suburban cities were frustrated with not getting greater representation on boards. It is not in Pierce County's best interest to see King County representation get bigger. Jeff Storrar noted that this is still under discussion at the Operations Committee with no action expected until June.

Discussion related to the dynamics of the advisory boards and the need to see Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties treated the same, without losing representation. A too strong King County negates Pierce County effectiveness. Many believe that membership should stay at 16 with possible reorganization of membership such as equal representation for each jurisdiction.

It was suggested that a draft policy recommendation be written and reviewed by the PCRC prior to transmittal to PSRC. Roger Bush, Glenn Hull, and Derek Young will work together to draft this policy recommendation and bring back to the PCRC.

Announcements

It was announced that Pat McCarthy has been selected as Vice Chair of PSRC Transportation Policy Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.