

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL
MAY 19, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobbi Allison, Chair	Town of Eatonville
Richard Wagner	City of Auburn
Mark Hamilton	City of Bonney Lake
Glenn Hull	City of Fife
Derek Young	City of Gig Harbor
Jason Whalen	City of Lakewood
Debra Perry	City of Milton
Leonard Sanderson	City of Milton
John Knutsen	City of Puyallup
Michelle Walker	City of Roy
Ron Lucas	Town of Steilacoom
Joseph Lonergan	City of Tacoma
Eric Choiniere	City of University Place
Clare Petrich	Port of Tacoma

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pat Johnson	City of Buckley
Richie Morgan	Town of Carbonado
Larry Wilcox	City of DuPont
Donna O'Ravez	City of Edgewood
Kathy McVay	City of Fircrest
Don Anderson	City of Lakewood
Doug Richardson	City of Lakewood
David Inge	City of Orting
John Jones	City of Pacific
Pat McCarthy	Pierce County Executive
Roger Bush	Pierce County Council
Tim Farrell	Pierce County Council
Joyce McDonald	Pierce County Council
Don Meyer	Port of Tacoma
Nicole Martineau	City of Puyallup
Peggy Levesque	Town of South Prairie
Vacant	Town of Ruston
Steve Allsop	City of Sumner
Marty Campbell, excused	City of Tacoma
Lauren Walker	City of Tacoma
Donna Hogerhuis	Town of Wilkeson
Caroline Belleci	City of University Place

Non-members present:

Ian Munce, GMCC Chair	Jeff Storrar, PSRC
Jim Halmo, Citizen	Bud Rehberg, Citizen

Bobbi Allison, Chair of the PCRC, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion on the minutes of April 21, 2011 was postponed due to lack of quorum.

GMCC Report

Ian Munce, GMCC Chair, provided a report noting the following items:

- The GMCC heard a PSRC presentation in April related to Airport Compatible Land Use Issues.
- The County is moving ahead with the amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies as adopted by PCRC in April. The Pierce County Planning Commission meets on May 24; topic is scheduled for the Pierce County Council CDC on June 20.
- The GMCC will hear presentations on the proposed UGA amendments to the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan next week and provide recommendations to the PCRC prior to the scheduled PCRC public hearing in June.
- Discussion of the annexation policies deferred from the Countywide Planning Policies is scheduled at GMCC in June.

Representation on PSRC Advisory Boards

A recent vacancy due to the resignation (from PSRC Economic Development District Board) by Donna O'Ravez will be addressed at the June meeting due to lack of quorum.

Glenn Hull reminded the council about the discussions related to the PSRC policy board representation and expressed concern by a proposal from PSRC to increase to 17 with one new member from other cities and towns in King County. He believes population has not really changed in King County, but rather redirected around jurisdictions.

Derek Young noted the recommendation is from Councilmember Gossett, not King County. The main objective all along has to keep as small as possible, and this proposal would add one additional seat at the table. Holding to principle that no one should have over 50% representation, there is general recognition that redistribution should be considered, but not at our expense or with more authority given to King County. It appears to be an internal County issue between King County jurisdictions of suburban cities. If we expanded to 20, maybe alternates should not be at the table, but with no opportunity to speak.

Eric Choiniere noted that the issue as he sees it is in the breakdown. Pierce County actually has more unincorporated population than King County. Mr. Young noted that Pierce is on the bubble on getting more representation. Suburban cities want this based on population, with no weighted votes on the committees.

Jason Whalen does not see a huge downside to Pierce County with this proposal. Mr. Young stated that if an additional seat is provided for Pierce County, he doubts that it would be taken away from King County.

Joe Lonergan thinks it a great idea that alternates should only have a voice when serving as a voting member, seeing it as a good concept to allow it to work as it is meant to.

Clare Petrich does not see that this was triggered by population. Mr. Hull noted that an immediate way to get another Pierce County seat is to get a member from Puyallup Tribe to join.

This discussion will continue at the June meeting.

Mr. Young also reminded the group that the PSRC General Assembly is next week in case anyone wants to go.

Review of PCRC Funding Distribution

Ron Lucas noted he had asked the question of the Chair at General Assembly noting that Carbonado and Port of Tacoma pay the same dues. His thoughts are that no one gets reduced but that the Port's dues should be equal to possibly Pierce County instead of Carbonado. He is not proposing a change at this time.

It was noted that the base fee for dues is \$100, with the balance based on population. The consideration is that the PCRC may want to set a different base rate for special purpose districts, with the possibility of additional representations. This is not a budget issue but more of a parity issue. This is a discussion that needs to take place at the Port to see what they would propose.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.