

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobbi Allison, Chair	Town of Eatonville
Richard Wagner	City of Auburn
Mark Hamilton	City of Bonney Lake
Daryl Eidinger	City of Edgewood
Larry Wilcox	City of DuPont
Derek Young	City of Gig Harbor
Debra Perry	City of Milton
Leonard Sanderson	City of Milton
David Inge	City of Orting
Pat McCarthy	Pierce County Executive
Roger Bush	Pierce County Council
Tim Farrell	Pierce County Council
Joyce McDonald	Pierce County Council
John Knutsen	City of Puyallup
Nicole Martineau	City of Puyallup
Michelle Walker	City of Roy
Ron Lucas	Town of Steilacoom
Joseph Lonergan	City of Tacoma
Lauren Walker	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
Glenn Hull	City of Fife
Kathy McVay	City of Fircrest
Don Anderson	City of Lakewood
Jason Whalen	City of Lakewood
John Jones	City of Pacific
Don Meyer	Port of Tacoma
Peggy Levesque	Town of South Prairie
Vacant	Town of Ruston
Steve Allsop	City of Sumner
Marty Campbell, excused	City of Tacoma
Donna Hogerhuis	Town of Wilkeson
Caroline Belleci	City of University Place

Non-members present:

Doug Fortner, GMCC Vice Chair	Jeff Storrar, PSRC	Marilyn Sanders
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 present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made (McCarthy/Petrich) to adopt the minutes of April 21, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

GMCC Report

The GMCC report will relate directly to the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendments later in the agenda.

Representation on PSRC Advisory Boards, continued

Derek Young was not aware that he was to prepare a letter, but understood that more time was needed. The discussion was reopened and background provided on the issue. There was support for an additional member from suburban cities, as well as discussion related to alternates joining at the discussion table, rather than away from it, causing potential confusion by the Chair during the voting process. With no opportunity to change the way the PSRC meetings are run, the Council's consensus was that most were not opposed to an additional suburban cities representative as long as the alternates leave the table. Ms. McCarthy added that in 2009 all suburban cities assisted Pierce County in getting transportation monies.

MOTION

A motion was made (Derek Young/Tim Farrell) to agree with the Gossett proposal with the stipulation that alternates not be allowed to speak and are not seated at the table unless representing as a voting member. The motion passed unanimously. A letter will be drafted and sent to the PSRC prior to their meeting on June 23.

Appointment to PSRC Economic Development District Board

Due to recent vacancy, an appointment of an alternate is necessary. After discussion, a motion was made (Roger Bush/Tim Farrell) to appoint Leonard Sanderson as alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

PCRC Funding Distribution, continued

Clare Petrich reminded everyone that the Port of Tacoma territory is all of Pierce County. She announced that they could double their dues to PCRC, but was interested in additional votes. No action was taken and it was requested that copies of the PCRC budget be provided at the next meeting prior to a vote.

Zoo Trek Authority – Appointment Opportunity

Ms. Allison noted that since she will not be seeking reelection, a vacancy will exist on the Zoo/Trek Authority Board in 2012 representing cities and towns under 7,000. The first meeting will be held in March 2012, but since the selection process is lengthy, she would appreciate nominations in July. Ron Lucas noted that there is an interested candidate in Steilacoom. All jurisdictions in this category will be notified of the upcoming vacancy.

Public Hearing - 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Dan Cardwell, PALS Senior Planner, presented staff reports.

Doug Fortner, GMCC Vice Chair, presented GMCC recommendations.

Action taken at this meeting will be forwarded to the Pierce County Planning Commission, and subsequently forwarded to Pierce County Council.

U-1, City of Gig Harbor, UGA

Public Comment: none.

GMCC Recommendation: Endorse staff recommendation of approval.

PCRC Discussion: Derek Young noted that the underlying issue is enforcement with derelict boats and water enforcement as a whole.

Motion: (Roger Bush/Lauren Walker) To approve GMCC recommendation on U-1. Motion passed unanimously.

U-2, City of Orting, UGA

Public Comment: none.

GMCC Recommendation: Endorse staff recommendation of denial.

PCRC Discussion: David Inge announced that the City of Orting is planning on withdrawing the amendment. Mr. Cardwell noted that the County has received no official letter of withdrawal.

Motion: (David Inge/Eric Choiniere) To table until July pending amendment withdrawal letter from city. Motion passed unanimously.

U-3A, U-3B, City of Sumner, UGA

Public Comment: none.

GMCC Recommendation: The GMCC had no recommendation at this time and has continued review until June 23 pending additional information from the City. Requests the PCRC do the same.

Mr. Cardwell noted that additional information was submitted at last night's Planning Commission which will need time for staff to review.

PCRC Discussion:

None

Motion: (Roger Bush/Nicole Martineau) To continue until July meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The City of Bonney Lake amendment proposals were discussed together.

U-4, City of Bonney Lake, EASTOWN UGA

Public Comment: none.

GMCC Recommendation: To endorse staff recommendation of denial.

PCRC Discussion: There was considerable discussion related to the applications and the process in general. City staff did not engage County staff prior to application for assistance, although it was generally agreed that the County provides assistance to cities and towns with applications if desired. Mark Hamilton noted that their Capital Facilities Plan and Comprehensive Plan obviously need amended.

Mr. Cardwell noted that the process is underway and does not believe that it includes a process for withdrawal. Ms. McCarthy agrees that this is a serious process and if there is inference that the County does not help, it is not because of the Planning Department's lack of effort. Mr. Bush noted that the rules for amending the Comprehensive Plan have not changed for years and is known to all jurisdictions. The County staff has always been up front with guidance. He would encourage finding a way to allow for withdrawal and the ability for the amendment to come back in the next cycle.

U-5, City of Bonney Lake, UGA

Public Comment: none.

GMCC Recommendation: To table until June 23 pending report anticipating further information. Requests the PCRC do the same.

Mr. Cardwell noted that this one is not requested for growth, but for a parks designation. Residential growth would be limited to 1 unit per 5 acres.

PCRC Discussion: Mr. Hamilton noted that their council was unaware how hard it is to change ARL to Park designation and that the request comes from property owner .

Motion: (Derek Young/Lauren Walker) To deny amendments U-4, U-5, U-6 and U-7. Joe Lonergan moved to amend the motion by removing U-6 from the motion. Motion to amend was seconded by Nicole Martineau, and the motion to amend passed unanimously.

The vote was called on the original motion as amended recommending denial on U-4, U-5, and U-7. The motion passed with one nay vote (Hamilton).

U-6, City of Bonney Lake, UGA

Public Comment: none.

GMCC Recommendation: To recommend approval because it draws a more even boundary. Recommendation is contrary to staff recommendation of denial.

PCRC Discussion: Ms. McCarthy noted that it would be easier to support this amendment if the City had done their background work.

Motion: (Nicole Martineau/Joe Lonergan) To recommend denial. Motion passed with 2 nay votes (Hamilton, McDonald).

U-7, Joel Clark, Bonney Lake, UGA

Amendment was denied in a previous motion.

U-8, Pierce County ARL (Puyallup)

Public Comment: Nancy Eklund, Senior Planner, City of Puyallup, stated that the City is supportive of staff recommendation to deny the amendment. This is an unprecedented action by the County to withdraw a UGA from a city. The City has invested in infrastructure and planning for this area. While supportive of agricultural land, this amendment is inconsistent with GMA and CPPs. She also noted that this amendment was a last minute action with no notice to property owners or advance notice to city.

GMCC Recommendation: Recommend denial, endorsing staff recommendation.

PCRC Discussion:

Roger Bush requested further explanation from staff as to why the County initiated this. Staff response was that it was the county's understanding that there would be a mechanism in place that Ag land would be preserved in perpetuity. When annexation was proposed, there was no mention of the City's Resolution 1903 or plans to preserve any of the Ag land.

John Knutsen doesn't understand how a farmer can be expected to farm forever if they don't want to.

Pat McCarthy noted her work with Mayor Turner and Steve McLean, city administrator, to preserve some of the area (140 acres) in perpetuity.

Motion: (Roger Bush/Larry Wilcox) To recommend denial. Mr. Bush indicated that his desire is not to intrude in the city's UGA so to speak. The County has an ongoing relationship with the city. He recommends denial with the hope that the end results in a positive outcome with a reliable agreement in place. **Motion to deny passed unanimously.**

U-9, Technical Amendments

Public Comment: none.

GMCC Recommendation: To endorse staff recommendation of approval.

PCRC Discussion: none.

Motion: (Joe Lonergan/Eric Choiniere) To recommend approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Nicole Martineau/Tim Farrell) To continue hearing until July 21, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.