

**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE  
PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 15, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Mike Lonergan, Chair**  
**Larry Wilcox**  
**Bobbi Allison**  
**Donna O’Ravez**  
**Butch Brooks**  
**Derek Young**  
**Doug Richardson**  
**Pad Finnigan**  
**Joe Pestinger**  
**Roger Bush**  
**Clare Petrich**  
**Leanne Guier**  
**John Knutsen**  
**Rick Hansen**  
**Ron Lucas**  
**Matthew Richardson, Vice Chair**  
**Linda Bird**

**City of Tacoma**  
**City of DuPont**  
**Town of Eatonville**  
**City of Edgewood**  
**City of Fife**  
**City of Gig Harbor**  
**City of Lakewood**  
**City of Lakewood**  
**City of Orting**  
**Pierce County Council**  
**Port of Tacoma**  
**City of Pacific**  
**City of Puyallup**  
**City of Puyallup**  
**Town of Steilacoom**  
**City of Sumner**  
**City of University Place**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Gene Cerino  
James Rackley  
Sandra Ramsey  
Richie Morgan  
Kathy McVay  
Helen McGovern  
Bob Whalen  
Pat McCarthy  
Joyce McDonald  
Tim Farrell  
Ray Bourne  
Peggy Levesque  
Vacant  
Bill Baarsma  
Marilyn Strickland  
Jean Brooks  
Janet Kepka

City of Auburn  
City of Bonney Lake  
City of Buckley  
Town of Carbonado  
City of Fircrest  
City of Lakewood  
City of Milton  
Pierce County Executive  
Pierce County Council  
Pierce County Council  
City of Roy  
Town of South Prairie  
Town of Ruston  
City of Tacoma  
City of Tacoma  
City of University Place  
Town of Wilkeson

**Non-members present:**

**Ryan Windish, GMCC Chair**  
**Ian Munce, GMCC Vice Chair**  
**Bud Rehberg, Citizen**

**Sean Eagan, Port of Tacoma**  
**Dan Cardwell, Pierce County Staff**  
**Jim Halmo, Citizen**

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Matt Richardson felt the PCRC minutes regarding the amendments needed to be enhanced in a different way by noting what specific changes were made by the PCRC. The Chair asked that highlight be added to the minutes prior to posting on the website.

**Motion: (Joe Pestinger, Rick Hansen, second) - To approve the meeting minutes with the added notation of what specific changes were made by the PCRC from 09/17/09. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **GMCC Report**

Ryan Windish, GMCC Chair, provided the report. The group discussed:

- The subcommittee reviewed the employment and population allocation projections/numbers which will come before the PCRC for adoption at a later date; and
- The subcommittee is currently meeting and discussing the VISION 2040 consistencies in CPP and hoping to have it at the PCRC in January.

### **GMA WAC Update**

Ian Munce, GMCC Vice Chair, provided an overview of the update to the administrative code by the Department of Commerce. It is important because it will impact all jurisdictions when they are required to update its Comprehensive Plans by 2011. The document states it is a guidance document; however, a major portion of the document is black and white case law inputted into the guidance. The informal draft was commented on by many city and county staff members, as well as the GMCC staff and the Department of Commerce (formally named CTED) staff responded to every comment that was sent to the State. The new administrative code should be available in January.

Roger Bush compared it to a vise grip.

Derek Young stated the Department of Ecology may be the new agency overseeing land issues instead of the Department of Commerce. Mike Lonergan agreed that land use issues could be placed in another department at the State.

There was discussion amongst the group on the possibility of changing the required 2011 update due to budget problems with all the jurisdictions and County. Ian Munce stated that in order to change the 2011 update requirement it would require a legislative action taken by the State. Derek Young stated the Associations of Washington Cities (AWC) has discussed the issue. Roger Bush added the WACO and the AWC County Association suggested maybe a joint resolution to change the 2011 required update.

Pad Finnigan expressed concern regarding the 2010 Census may not be available in time to include the data in the 2011 Update. He would like to have the requirement date changed.

### **Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair**

Mike Lonergan collected the ballots, read the nominations, and then opened up the nominations from the floor. The nominees were as follows:

#### **Chair:**

Matthew Richardson  
Bobbi Allison

**Motion (Pat McCarthy, Roger Bush, second): To close the nominations for Chair. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Vice Chair:**

Matthew Richardson  
Bobbi Allison  
Katrina Asay  
James Rackley

**Motion (Bobbi Allison, Rick Hansen, second): To close the nominations for Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Committee Reports**

ZTA Board Opening: Position 2. The information was placed in the mail regarding nominations.

#### T-1 and T-6 Plan Amendments Follow-Up

T-1 was not initiated at the County Council.

T-6 was initiated and passed with the exception language of “shall” to “should.”

Matthew Richardson stated he was disappointed with the “should” language. The UGA Ad Hoc Committee used a unanimous consent procedure and passed the “shall” language and wished it would have remained. He thanked the County Council for initiating the amendment.

Roger Bush stated the consensus from the Council was to change it to should. He stated the word “should” was stronger than “may” which was considered by the Council.

Joe Pestinger expressed appreciation that the County Council initiated the T-6 amendment.

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

No report.

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

Alternative 5 initially was the highly favored alternative for the update to the Transportation 2040 Plan. Currently, Alternative 3 and 5 are favored. She would like the PCRC’s opinion(s). Please make sure you submit your comments on the alternatives to PSRC.

Roger Bush commented it was extremely important that all jurisdictions as well as Pierce County contribute to the final decisions made in Transportation 2040.

Growth Management Policy Board (Tom Smallwood, Rep. / James Rackley, Alt.)

No report.

Economic Development District Board (Katrina Asay, Rep. / Pad Finnigan, Alt.)

No report.

Rivers Final Report

Matt Richardson reported on the Pierce County Rivers Executive Task Force. He has provided a copy for the PCRC of the Pierce County River Revitalization Task Force Final Report. The clerk will retain the report for members that are interested in reviewing/checking out the document.

Mayor Ron Lucas from Steilacoom referred to a statement the Executive made at a recent meeting where cities/towns' elected officials were in attendance. He wanted further information regarding the 30 million dollars from the Federal Stimulus grant monies available to Pierce County. He wasn't sure how the excess amount (as a result of a project coming under budget) would be allocated. Butch Brooks stated he thought the monies would remain in Pierce County but it was up to WSDOT discretion on how it would be used.

The following clarification was provided by the Executive and her staff.

The 30M in savings was on the HOV lane bids. This was stimulus money and according to John Wynands, HOV, Project Manager, must stay on the HOV project based on the legislative appropriation. Paula Hammond asked for additional projects that were shovel ready on the HOV and they came up with several utility and storm water parts of the N. Bound Bridge to fund. The funds under ARRA must be under contract by February 17, 2010.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

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