**Meeting Notice**

**Joint Municipal Action Committee**

October 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Virtual option:   Dial: 2532158782 Meeting ID: 840 6488 6981

Web Link: [www.zoom.us/j/84064886981](http://www.zoom.us/j/84064886981)

**<OR>**

 In-person option:  747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conf. Room 248

*Note: This meeting will be recorded*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Kristina Walker,** Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**ROLL CALL – JMAC COMMITTEE**

Kristina Walker, JMAC Chair, City of Tacoma & Pierce Transit

Rosie Ayala, JMAC Vice Chair, Metro Parks Tacoma

Elizabeth Bonbright, Tacoma Public Schools

Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma

Marty Campbell, Pierce County

Ryan Mello, Pierce County & Pierce Transit

Sarah Rumbaugh, City of Tacoma

Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma

**JMAC CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN ATTENDANCE**

Josh Garcia, Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools

Shon Sylvia, Executive Director, Metro Parks Tacoma

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Alyssa Tongue, Greentrike

Andrea Roper, City of Tacoma

Anita Gallagher, JMAC Consultant

Bernie Rhodes, Greentrike

Blythe Summers, Pierce County Library

Carmen Moore, Pierce County

Chelsea Talbert, City of Tacoma

Chrisy Vindivich, City of Tacoma

Colleen Meiners, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Hollie Rogge, Metro Parks

Hugh Taylor, Pierce County

Ishmeet Singh, City of Tacoma

Juan Beltran, Senator Murray’s Office

Lauren Alder, Pierce Transit

Matthew Mauer, Port of Tacoma

Sally Perkins, Practical Solutions

Sandra Eliason, Metro Parks

Sandi Pizir, Port of Tacoma

Scott Heinze, Heinze & Associates

Victoria Johnson, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

**Chair Walker** provided welcoming remarks.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**Chair Walker** made a tribal land acknowledgment.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the October agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the September 13th, 2024, meetings be approved. Motion to approve, minutes passed unanimously.

**PREVIOUS MEETING RECAP/DIRECTION**

* **Chair Walker** mentioned the installation of honorary signs in East Tacoma that will be printed in the Lushootseed language.
* **Tacoma Fire Department presentation:** Chair Walker also commented on the TFD presentation about the proposed levy lid lift at the September meeting. **Vice Chair Ayala** said the growing population will need fire services. **Hunter** **George** expressed concerns about wildfires and the need for a healthy and fully equipped fire department.
* **JMAC protocols: Josh Garcia** shared thoughts on JMAC resolutions, protocols, and practices. **Elizabeth Bonbright** expressed her support for the conversation about the topic**.**
* **Climate Justice: Chair Walker** asked for suggestions on cross-collaboration opportunities. **Vice Chair Ayala** shared about Metro Parks Tacoma’s climate action plan that’s in development and the potential for partnership with the Health Department.  **Chair Walker** encouraged the group to share ideas for future presentations.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: SUMMER LATE NIGHT**

**Bernie Rhoades,** Associate Director of Youth Learning for Greentrike, gave a recap of the second year of Summer Late Nights, a collaborative partnership and promised to share the final report once it was ready. Rhoades discussed the significant growth of their program, which saw 1,518 Tacoma public school kids participating, with an additional 500 out-of-district kids. The number of individual visits increased by about 3,000 from the previous summer, indicating that the same number of kids were attending more often. Baker Middle School was the highest number of visits -- 4,238, nearly doubling the 2,145 from the previous year. Rhoades also praised the 13 gig providers who contributed 774 hours of programming. Providers included Bricks4Kids, Sahale Outdoors, and Calculus Roundtable. Providers are at every site, every night, Monday-Friday. Rhoades highlighted the success of the first Summer Late Night field trip to a Rainiers game -- 500 kids attended and a student from the Boys & Girls Club Al Davies branch won a raffle for the first pitch. The trip went very smoothly – big thanks to the staff who worked hard to pull it off. The last week they had a back-to-school fest at 4 sites, including free food, carnival, free haircuts, giveaways.

**Chair Walker** expressed excitement about the data gathered and its potential for future use.  **Sarah Rumbaugh** asked about the program's impact on children during the school year, to which Rhoades explained the continuation of the program through Beyond the Bell, Club B, and Late Nights. **Dr. Josh Garcia** described the collective community partner portal, which allows tracking of support for children over time and helps identify effective programs. **Vice Chair Ayala** thanked the Greentrike partners for their coordination efforts. **Hunter George** shared his experience at the National Recreation and Park Conference, where Tacoma's program was recognized as a model for other communities.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: STATE OF PLAY REPORT**

**Scott Heinze,** a consultant working with Metro Parks and the Aspen Institute, presented the State of Play report. He explained what the Aspen Institute does, highlighting the importance of collaboration and the potential for systemic change in the relationship between young people and physical education. Heinze discussed the importance of public-private funding for the project and the recognition of the Whole Child initiative as the top asset in the community. He emphasized that the initiative is not about creating elite athletes, but rather about promoting lifelong physical activity and mental health among children. Heinze highlighted the mental health crisis among kids post-Covid and the need to encourage more physical activity, especially among girls. He also mentioned the need to track and measure the success of the initiative, and the importance of coach interaction with young people. Heinze proposed action steps, including training coaches, introducing new sports, and creating more fields for physical activity. He also discussed the potential for more inclusive sports programs for students with disabilities and the use of college students as mentors for middle school athletes, working with Special Olympics, emphasizing the need for inclusive language, and the importance of considering all forms of physical activity.

Heinze discussed the need for better asset mapping and inventory management to identify gaps and services. He highlighted the potential for public-private partnerships to fund expensive projects like turf fields and field lights. Heinze also emphasized the importance of equity in providing sports and play parks across the city and the need to raise awareness about mental health in youth sports. He also mentioned the Aspen Institute's Bill of Rights and the Whole Child initiative and expressed interest in working with stakeholders on a legislative agenda at the state and federal levels. Lastly, he stressed the need for additional resources and partnerships with the private sector to achieve the goals.

* **Chair Walker** thankedHeinze for bringing forward great data. **Chelsea Talbert**, City of Tacoma, said the City uses this report to inform community safety Action Strategy Development. **Colleen Meiners,** Health Department, said TPCHD offers mental health first aid that could be a great collaboration. **Chair Walker** asked if any other term has been considered around movement/play vs “Athlete”? Heinze responded that yes, kids resonate with terms like dance and walking -- it is all active movement.
* **Elizabeth Bonbright** discussed the potential for partnerships with organizations like Special Olympics and Metro Parks, also announcing a new addition to Tacoma Public Schools' fall lineup of sports, including a cornhole program involving Club B and Beyond the Bell. **Marty Campbell** expressed concerns about transportation needs and the needs for accessible, informal play areas for kids who may not be part of organized sports leagues. All kids need a place to feel welcomed and included. **Hunter George** expressed interest in leveraging Jen Covino, a federal lobbyist under contract with several JMAC members, to support this initiative. Heinze responded emphasizing that they have latitude to build their own initiative, making it unique to Tacoma and Pierce County. The group also discussed the importance of tracking and administrative aspects of the initiative.
* **Chair Walker** stated this is a great plug for JMAC’s next meeting – entirely on the legislative agenda. **Heinze** emphasized that this is not a new initiative. We've been doing the work; we are pioneers in Tacoma. Early survey data from kids notes they want to try lots of things, such as snowboarding.

**JMAC VALUES AND PROTOCOLS**

**Chair Walker** revisited the JMAC values and protocols document, before the vote, discussing the rotation of the Chair position and the importance of working through strategic themes. The idea of term limits was also discussed, with **Hunter George** suggesting that it could add confusion and therefore be removed. **Chair Walker** then opened to conversations on the document.

**Ryan Mello** appreciated the work that went into documenting the protocols, noting that it will aid in onboarding new members and fostering a shared vision. **Vice Chair Ayala** shared her appreciation for all those involved with the partnership and collaboration in the spirit of JMAC. **Marty Campbell** suggested a change to the document, proposing that the Chair and Vice Chair should be elected “as soon as possible” after the New Year, rather than specifying a particular month (January) due to the timing of agencies voting in new board members who will represent on JMAC.  **Elizabeth Bonbright** disagreed, arguing that the existing members should vote for the new leadership in January, as the work of JMAC is cyclical and delaying the decision into February/March could impact the meeting agendas for the year. **Chair Walke**r agreed with Bonbright’s perspective and suggested wording the document to reflect the goal of electing the Chair and Vice Chair as early as possible in the New Year.

**Chair Walker** then motioned to approve the JMAC values and protocols document. Motion was moved and seconded. The JMAC document was then approved with a unanimous vote.

**STAFF WORKGROUP UPDATE**

* **Hunter George** reminded everyone about the upcoming November legislative agenda presentations and the annual in-person JMAC meeting in December at the Fabulich Center at Port of Tacoma. He also mentioned the Tacoma Anchor Network's in-person convening on November 1st.
* **Chair Walker** welcomed a new staff member, Andrea Roper, with the City of Tacoma’s Government Affairs Office, and then she opened the floor for public comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Chair Walker** called for public comments. There were none.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Chelsea Talbert** excitedly reminded the attendees of the Tacoma Anchor Networks in-person meeting on November 1st and an orientation session at the Metro Parks facility, Point Defiance Pagoda from 10 am -2 pm.

**Vice Chair Ayala** shared Metro Parks’ community engagement event called “Co-Create to Recreate” at STAR Center on October 17th. She also noted that October is Tacoma Arts month. She also mentioned that 2025 nominations are open for JMAC leadership- you can nominate yourself or another for the JMAC Chair or Vice Chair role.

**Chair Walker** noted various community events happening in October. The next JMAC meeting in November will be the legislative agenda presentations, followed by the annual in-person meeting in December.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 8th, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

      \* Minutes taken by Port of Tacoma