**Minutes**

**Joint Municipal Action Committee**

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

In-person attendance only: Port of Tacoma Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Rd

**CALL TO ORDER**

JMAC Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**JMAC MEMBERS**

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

Rosie Ayala, JMAC Vice Chair, Metro Parks Tacoma

Elizabeth Bonbright, Tacoma Public Schools

Marty Campbell, Pierce County + Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.

Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma

Andrea Smith, Metro Parks Tacoma (alternate)

**JMAC CHIEF EXECUTIVES**

Joshua Garcia, Tacoma Public Schools

Chantell Harmon Reed, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Shon Sylvia, Metro Parks Tacoma

**STAFF AND GUESTS**

Hunter George, Metro Parks

Anita Gallagher, government affairs consultant

Lauren Adler, Pierce Transit

Matthew Mauer, Port of Tacoma

Joe Sterling, consultant

Juan Beltran-Gonzalez, Sen. Patty Murray’s Office

Sabrina Chmelir, Pierce County

Andrea Roper, City of Tacoma

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Walker opened the meeting and provided welcoming remarks, followed by Vice Chair Ayala.

**2024 JMAC HIGHLIGHTS**

The Chair and Vice Chair presented highlights from JMAC’s 2024 workplan.

* Adopted JMAC values and protocols
* Public Health and Safety:
  + City of Tacoma HOPE Team
  + Tacoma Fire levy lid lift
  + TPCHD: planning for summer heat and wildfire smoke
  + Tacoma-Pierce County State of Play recommendation to set goals to increase youth activities
  + Summer Late Nights doorbelling, programming, and funding support
* Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI)
  + Metro Parks’ new 6-year System & Strategic Plan
  + Pierce Transit’s new 6-year Strategic Plan
  + Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Act grants administered by the County
  + Tacoma Public Utilities bill credit assistance program
  + Field trip to the Multicultural Child & Family Hope Center to learn about the planned childcare expansion
* Community Wealth Building
  + Enhancing JMAC’s definition of this strategic theme
  + TPS bond levy
  + Maritime 253 Skills Center
  + Youth summer employment through Jobs 253 and internships
  + Shared priorities: transportation and policy

Chair Walker noted the differences in scope between JMAC and the Tacoma Anchor Network (TAN). JMAC is at the legislative level with emphasis on: employment opportunities and safe activities for youth; coordination on strategic planning, ballot measures, and legislative agendas; and public safety. TAN operates at the executive/staff level with emphasis on: aligning educational and health institutions (“eds and meds”); procurement and contracting; and career pathways.

**WORK PLAN DISCUSSION**

Meeting participants then participated in table discussions revolving around the following questions:

* What is something that is going well in your agency/jurisdiction that affects other JMAC members? What’s one big challenge that you face that affects other members? What is something new you are looking forward to?
* As JMAC develops its 2025 work plan, share at least one area of opportunity for member collaboration that fits within the strategic themes of JEDI, Public Health & Safety, and/or Community Wealth Building.
* Given the upcoming changes in federal governance in 2025, please share at least one topic of interest to your agency/jurisdiction that JMAC members could influence together.

Following tabletop conversations each group reported out on their discussions, including the following suggestions for future topics:

* Unhoused and homeless prevention strategies
* Services for seniors
* Climate conversation and coordination opportunities
* Transportation and pedestrian safety
* BIPOC incubator expansion and increase the coordinated efforts
* GIS rights-of-way coordination
* Juvenile justice
* Tideflats subarea planning
* Entrepreneurial focus on WMBE
* Street medicine—disease testing, primary care support, meeting individuals where they are
* JMAC field trip ideas: boat tour to see what’s being done to improve water quality
* Addressing the state’s 1% property tax growth limit
* Senior population—social services and public health
* Strategic plans coordination and alignment
* Tideflats subarea plan
* Improved coordination among agencies on information and projects
* Build on our collective influence and leadership at the local level, especially given federal funding for key programs is at risk
* Economic impacts of the incoming presidential administration’s policies (e.g. tariffs)

Full “tabletop notes” are attached.

Chair Walker and Vice Chair Ayala provided closing remarks.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting has been rescheduled to Friday, January 17, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Remote attendance will be available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.