

1. 6:00 P.M. Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC)

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## Pierce County Regional Council

### **REVISED MEETING AGENDA**

**May 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

**Pierce County Annex, Public Meeting Room  
2401 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Citizen Testimony**  
*(limited to 3 minutes on May 16, 2019 agenda items only)*
4. **Approval of Minutes** *Action Item*  
*(April 18, 2019)*
5. **Puget Sound Clean Air Agency** *Discussion Item*  
Craig Kenworthy
6. **Rural Town Centers and Corridors** *Action Item*  
Russell Blount, TCC Chair
7. **Invest Pierce County** *Discussion Item*  
Rob Allen
8. **Economic Development/Infrastructure Needs** *Discussion Item*  
University Place  
DuPont
9. **PCRC Operations Committee Report** *Discussion Item*
10. **PSRC Committee Reports** *Discussion Item*
11. **Zoo/Trek Authority Report** *Discussion Item*
12. **Announcements** *Discussion Item*
13. **Adjourn / Continue**

**The next regular PCRC meeting is June 20, 2019**

Any questions regarding this Agenda, please contact  
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**PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**May 16, 2019 | Meeting Minutes**

Representative(s) Present	Jurisdiction	Representative(s) Present	Jurisdiction
	<i>City of Auburn</i>	Doug Richardson Dave Morell	<i>Pierce County</i>
Justin Evans, Vice-Chair	<i>City of Bonney Lake</i>		<i>Port of Tacoma</i>
Milt Tremblay	<i>City of Buckley</i>	Tom Swanson, Chair Cynthia Jacobsen	<i>City of Puyallup</i>
	<i>Town of Carbonado</i>		<i>City of Roy</i>
Penny Coffey Michael Courts	<i>City of DuPont</i>		<i>Town of Ruston</i>
Emily McFadden	<i>Town of Eatonville</i>		<i>Town of South Prairie</i>
Nate Lowry	<i>City of Edgewood</i>	Roger Neal	<i>Town of Steilacoom</i>
	<i>City of Fife</i>	Patrick Reed	<i>City of Sumner</i>
Shannon Reynolds	<i>City of Fircrest</i>	Chris Beale	<i>City of Tacoma</i>
	<i>City of Gig Harbor</i>	Kent Keel Caroline Belleci Denise McCluskey	<i>City of University Place</i>
Paul Bocchi	<i>City of Lakewood</i>		<i>Town of Wilkeson</i>
	<i>City of Milton</i>	Alexandra Mather	<i>Pierce Transit</i>
Joshua Penner	<i>City of Orting</i>	Paul Inghram	<i>PSRC</i>
	<i>City of Pacific</i>	Dennis Engel	<i>WSDOT</i>

***A quorum of the body was present with 22 members representing 17 jurisdictions.***

**Others Present:**

Russell Blount, City of Fife  
 Steve Friddle, City of Fife  
 Rob Allen, Pierce County  
 Abby Gribi, Town of Eatonville  
 Catherine Rudolph, Pierce County

Betty Capestany, Pierce County  
 Craig Kenworthy, PSCAA  
 Ike Nwanko, Dept of Commerce  
 Carol Hoosier, Tacoma RR  
 Austin Neilson, Sound Transit

*Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.*

**Citizen Testimony**

Bud Rehberg, came to discuss Rural Town Centers and Corridors. Two of the three projects listed have to do with pedestrians in the rural area. People walk in the rural area and he encourages they move it forward and look at other options for walking in the rural area.

Mark Martinez, Executive Secretary of Pierce County Building Construction Trades Council representing 16 local unions. Tonight, Craig Kenworthy of Puget Sound Clean Air Agency will be giving a presentation regarding reducing greenhouse emissions. Their recent Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement confirms that the Tacoma liquid natural gas facility will result in net decrease of greenhouse emissions. Now is the time to put people to work and finish the facility.

Marianne Lincoln, lives in Graham and is the project manager for the City of Spanaway pack. We want to incorporate and are here to keep an eye on everything the Council does. South of the UGA there are a lot of infrastructure issues. Thanked the Council.

*Public testimony closed.*

**Minutes**  
(April 18, 2019)

Requested Amendment(s):

- Page 2 – last line of text: strike out “easy” and insert “possible” (“would be an ~~easy~~ possible sell”)

**Motion made (Belleci/Reynolds) to approve the April 18, 2019 minutes as amended. *Unanimous aye.***

**Puget Sound Clean Air Agency**

Craig Kenworthy, Executive Director of the Regional Clean Air Agency, discussed a Clean Fuel Standard (CFS) that the Board is considering adopting.

Transportation is the primary source of pollution, so that is the source the board has them focusing on to reduce greenhouse emissions.

They looked at various strategies to reduce greenhouse emissions and the Clean Fuel Standard resulted in the largest reduction. A CFS is a reduction goal – a set standard to be reached over time.

Washington State is only state on the west coast without a CFS.

Low carbon fuels are incentivized by the market.

Still need to conduct more research on how they want to structure incentives.

Economic impacts: small increase in gas/fuel prices (\$.09 - \$.14 per gallon), less sick days, better health

Standard would add cost to fossil fuels but decreases cleaner fuels.

They are conducting an economic analysis to see how it will affect this region.

**COUNCIL QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

- If cars create the most emissions, why is the State eliminating the emission testing on vehicles?
  - A: As newer cars are getting cleaner the need has diminished. Ecology was directed to abandon the program.
- If credits are purchased, how is that reducing emissions?
  - A: Oregon and California had to figure how to generate credits early on. If they are too affordable, there is not much incentive. However, it has resulted in overall reduction in California – if you structure it properly.
- Lithium mining benefits/impacts?
  - Electric vehicles are a net positive regardless.
- Can potential sellers raise prices?
  - A: Prices are not regulated, but there is a ceiling on prices.
- Can companies reinvest money into their own company for future reductions?

- A: Yes, some companies want to, and they can in order to generate credits to use.
- Tax seems high. Electric cars have incentives, but then taxes/fees are placed on them and negates the savings.
- Is there an end time to the additional fuel tax or would it be in perpetuity?
  - A: It is intended to reach the target by a set date.
- The Council can submit comments through Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier or City of Tacoma Councilmember Ryan Mello.

### **Rural Town Centers and Corridors**

Russell Blount, Deputy City Manager for City of Fife and Transportation Coordinating Committee Chair, discussed Rural Town Centers and Corridors. The Committee is looking for a recommendation from this Council regarding three applications for funding: City of Roy, Pierce County, and Town of Eatonville. Earlier in the month, presentations were heard from the applicants. They all had great projects with reasonable requests.

May 31 is the final application deadline. Presentations to PSRC must be wrapped up in June.

There is \$5 million in the pot. Orting was asking for \$4.5 million, and because no one jurisdiction/project can receive that large of a percentage, that project was not recommended for funding. Typically, one applicant does not receive more than half the pot.

**Motion made (Evans/Reynolds) to forward the TCC recommendation to the PSRC. *Motion carried.***

### **InvestPierceCounty.com**

Free online tool to search for business/commercial properties. The goal is to make it easy and seamless to do business in Pierce County. They have received a lot of interest from people wanting to move their business into the County. With this tool, people can add layers to find what will work best for their needs. They are looking for input on how to make it better, including possible layers to add (social places, current projects/developments, etc.).

They looked at what collaborative projects will advance or enhance the County. Most companies do their research prior to reaching out to the community. The information needs to be made available. Data without context is not information - this website puts data and context together. The tool can be used to feature sites and what's happening in local communities. It's also a great tool for brokers. There will be short tutorials available online to help navigate the site. They are available to train staff and will also provide a webinar.

### **COUNCIL QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

- What about funding?
  - A: Funding is established for this year and they are looking at how to continue it. Also looking at if it's worth doing through an outside provider.
- Kudos for looking at regional economic issues. Smaller communities thank you for this. Providing jobs near where people live is what we need.
- Great website but google doesn't pull it up.
  - A: we need to work with search engines.
- Is there a fiberoptic layer?
  - A: yes, but it's based on FCC data and it's old.
- This is a great achievement. How do we get the information where it's needed?
  - A: we can give staff login accounts, so they can go in and add information.

## **Economic Development/Transportation Infrastructure Needs**

### **University Place**

Steve Suggs, City Manager of University Place, gave a presentation to the Council and members of the public.

University Place uses street infrastructure as an economic development tool.

'The Downtown' is 20 acres now known as the Village of Chambers Bay. Bridgeport is the primary arterial. It also moves Pierce Transit's route and has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ridership in Pierce County.

They are about 60% of the way to their goal that was set when they incorporated twenty years ago. The issues they needed to consider were livability, walkability, and biking ability. When initiative 695 passed, they lost a lot of their sales tax (30% of budget). Now, economic development moved to top of list of priorities.

They decided to focus on their Downtown. They acquired properties (land assembly) through friendly negotiations with property owners. Began with a 10-lot development. Tore down and replaced the library, placing it on top of a parking garage, which was funded with a federal grant.

When Whole Foods was looking to invest in the South Sound, they approached the City about putting a store in U.P. What drew them to University Place was the look and design of Bridgeport.

The Downtown area is a great example of what compact development should be and look like.

Jurisdictions have total control over their assets and great things can happen if you apply certain principles.

### **DuPont**

Michael Courts, City of DuPont Mayor, gave a presentation to the Council.

- DuPont is the oldest non-native outpost on Puget Sound.
- It contains 2 million square feet of advanced warehousing that will open by end of year.
- The Intel campus was built in 1993 but never housed the number of employees expected. Two large class-A office buildings sat empty; they were never occupied. Could not find tenants for the two office buildings so they were torn down.
- New proposed interchange at DuPont - Steilacoom Rd and exit 119. \$3 billion in commerce leaves DuPont annually along this route.
- Sheet Metal Union runs program with active duty servicemembers transitioning into private life. They offer a 7-week course that allows them to leave as certified sheet metal apprentices with job placement all over the US and Canada. The Carpenters Union is setting up a similar program.
- CalPortland Mine is the largest open gravel mine on the west coast. The world standard for gravel is called the Steilacoom Standard. The finest gravel in the world comes from here. It provided gravel for CenturyLink Field, T-Mobile Park, the new narrows bridge, the big berth tunnel, and the floating bridge.
- Golf course has hosted US Open qualifiers and people from all over come to stay and play.
- Old Fort Lake – was where explosives were made. To get rid of Scotch Broom, they poured liquid arsenic back in the day. Now looking at cleaning up of the property. Then could do something similar to what they've done in Point Ruston. There is a developer looking at it and is being patient.

- City has a lack of retail. Lots of military families and retired military – they shop at commissary.
- Will be opening a store that will specifically employ 50% disabled veterans.
- Looking at large regional ballfield complex for soccer, lacrosse, football. Some with real turf, some with artificial. JBLM wants to allow property to be used for this. It is not contiguous to the base, so they don't have much use for it.

### **OCC**

Discussed having a training meeting: Regional Engagement 201 and Economic Development 101.

Executive would have a subgroup report on Vision 2050. Looking at maybe having a special meeting on October 10. Looking at west side of County for venues (price is a big factor). Ops will be meeting monthly to plan this. Looking for input on the program.

### **PSRC Committee Reports**

- No Executive Board meeting.
- General Assembly is May 30th, 11:30-1:30 in Seattle.
- Working on Vision 2050. Pierce County recommended some shifts of numbers.
- Bruce Dammeier is up for President.

### **Zoo and Trek Authority**

Mike Schaub is now representing Small Cities/Towns on the ZTA.

### **Announcements**

Doug Richardson, Pierce County: PCRC voted to change the seat assignments on RPEC, but the decision up at PSRC was to decline making that recommended change. Tacoma was able to lobby enough votes to keep the seat. So, Tacoma still has 2 seats on RPEC.

Roger Neal, Steilacoom: Steilacoom has begun its largest infrastructure project in years. Steilacoom Blvd has some closures. There are detour routes in place.

Justin Evans, Bonney Lake: Bonney Lake is getting a Chick-fil-a and Chipotle.

Shannon Reynolds, Fircrest: Fircrest is also getting a Chick-fil-a; The City is going out for bids in the next couple of weeks for the new recreation center and pool.

**Motion made to adjourn at 7:55 PM.**

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