

General Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2021 - Virtual meeting held via closed ZOOM

7:00 pm – Call to Order by Carla Rogers, Chair

Opening Ceremonies

- Peter Steinbrueck, Port Commissioner provided the Land & People Acknowledgement
- VIP Acknowledgements/Statements (some will speak later)
 - Representative Eileen Cody
 - King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove: Discussed targeting resources to low income communities and renewing Best Start for kids levy for childcare; more information is here: <https://www.daveupthegrove.com>.
 - King County Councilmember Joe McDermott: Great work at the council lately, there is a package to provide more resources to King County and hazard pay for grocery workers; also working to ban the sale and discharge of fireworks in unincorporated King County.
 - Port Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck: Committed to getting the bridge back in service as soon as possible and actively engaged in re-connecting West Seattle to the city.
- Speak Up Survey Question: When we finally get to meet again in person, will you join us on Zoom or will you attend the meeting in person? <https://forms.gle/icSzFKfaiMisNRao7>
- The Chair provided Zoom technical tips

Approval of Agenda

- Ann Martin motioned to approve, Bunny Hatcher seconded, verbal approval vote, no opposition.

Approval of Minutes

- Ann Martin motioned to approve, Karen Richter seconded, verbal approval vote, no opposition.

Announcements

- Endorsement Rules; please review for vote on April 14th meeting: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mC7J_1nvFg-VWYbHHFptWu0EkDgstfFlmrsvm5hSLZ8/edit
- Upcoming Programs
 - The Elephant in the Democratic Party – Racism in Political Institutions – 3/27, 10:30-12:00
 - Modern Monetary Theory – 4/5, 7:00 – 9:00
 - Legislative Town Hall – 5/2, time TBD
- Candidate forum lineup:
 - City Council 5/22, 11 – 1pm
 - King County Executive 5/22, 3 – 4pm
 - Burien City Council 5/25, 7 – 9pm, may need extra support to maintain democratic seats.
 - Mayor 6/5, 11 – 1pm
- Endorsement Meeting 6/9, 6:30 – 9pm, most important meeting of the year. New 34th members must join by May 12 or renewing members by 9pm the evening prior in order to vote..

Meet the Candidates

5 candidates in the 2021 election spoke to the membership.

- King Conservation District Supervisor, Position 3
 - Brittney Bush Bollay and John Comerford
- King County Executive

- o Dow Constantine
- Seattle City Council
 - o Teresa Mosqueda
 - o Brianna Thomas
- Mayor
 - o Lance Randall

King Conservation District Election and Potential Endorsement

Endorsements require a 60% majority vote. The Chair asked for motions for endorsement.

- Ann Martin motioned to endorse Brittney Bush Bollay, David Toledo seconded.
- Julie Whitaker motioned to endorse John Comerford, Marcee Stone Vekich seconded.
- Joshua Wilmot endorsed Kali Clark, Bunny Hatcher seconded.
- Joe McDermott nominated David Toledo, Steven Butts seconded.
- Jeanne Fellin nominated Melissa Tatro, there was a second.
- David Toledo withdrew his nomination in favor of John Comerford.

Jordan reported on voting - No candidate received 60% of the vote. We moved to the 2nd ballot with John Comerford and Brittany Bush Bollay as the 2 candidate receiving the most votes in the first ballot.

After the ballots were counted, 78.9% of the vote went to endorse Brittney Bush Bollay.

Resolution for Consideration

- The body considered the Resolution: Appointing a BIPOC Director To The City Of Seattle's Office Of Arts & Culture (<https://34dems.org/6757-2/>)
- Bunny Hatcher made a motion to approve the resolution as submitted, Rachel Glass seconded
- There was discussion for and against the motion.
- A voice vote was held and the motion passed with no opposition.

Membership, Budget Reports and 2021 Budget Approval

- Trey Lykins provided the membership report with 198 members, 111 PCO's, and with 24 recurring memberships totaling \$364 a month.
- Budget Report was shared by Julie Whitaker. This report will be for January 2020 - April 2021 due to the new fiscal year transition.
- Budget shared with the membership in email the day prior to the meeting.
- Julie shared the 2021-22 Proposed Interim Budget and noted that the Budget committee will review the financial situation again in the fall once we are further post-Covid.
 - o In the future, the budget reports will be sent to the membership/PCO email list prior to the monthly meeting.
- Ann Martin motioned to approve the 2021-2022 proposed interim budget. Rachel Glass seconded. A verbal vote was held and received unanimous approval with no opposition.

Due to time constraints, Hannah Cameron motioned to remove agenda items **Appointment of Board Members** and **Change Makes Sense Campaign**. Sarah Koch seconded. A verbal vote was held and the motion passed, with no opposition.

Appointment of PCOs

- Nick Bonazza presented PCO candidates Shellea Allen SEA 34-1518, Dominick Ojeda SEA 34-1493 and Clara Sekowski BUR 34-0402 for PCO Approval.
- Jordan Crawley motioned to approve the 3 new PCOs with Randy Litzenberger seconding. A voice vote was held with the motion passing, no opposition.
- Nick swore them in as Appointed PCOs for the balance of the 2020-2022 term.

MPC Spotlight – Environment, Energy & Land Use Caucus

- Jordan Crawley reminded the body of the purpose of the Membership Policy Caucuses and introduced Environment, Energy, and Land Use Lead, Randy Litzenberger, to give a report on their activities. If you're interested in joining a Policy Caucus, email lac@34dems.org.

Good of the Order

- Colleen Hinton – encouraged people (Burien residents) to attend the Burien City Council meeting and comment on climate change. Contact colleenmhinton@msn.com if you want to speak at an upcoming meeting. There are speakers through the end of April and need to fill the rest of the calendar for the year.
- Hannah Cameron – SDOT is applying for an InfraGrant and requesting letters of support.
- Leah Griffin – If members are interested in attending a campaign event for Brianna Thomas (Voucher party), they can email leahmorrow@gmail.com
- Dave Upthegrove – Re-election campaign kickoff is 3/25, 5:00pm. Facebook page to event: <https://www.facebook.com/VoteUpthegrove/photos/gm.428028321787327/3955260961204867>
- Saunjah Brantley provided a resource on microaggressions: <https://www.businessinsider.com/microaggression-unconscious-bias-at-work-2018-6>
- Richard O’Neill provided a resource on a worker’s rights bill: <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/house-passes-protect-right-organize-act-225-206-sends-bill-n1260312>
- Steven Butts provided a resource about democracy vouchers: <http://www.seattle.gov/democracylvoucher/i-am-a-seattle-resident/apply-nowasfijk>

Adjourned at 9:10pm by Carla Rogers, Chair.