



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 28, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Aaron Pointer, President  
Tim Reid, clerk  
Andrea Smith  
Erik Hanberg  
Jessie Baines

**IN THE CHAIR:** Aaron Pointer

**PLACE:** 4702 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street

**FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner Reid

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Park District Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Pointer at 6:00p.m.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**PROCLAMATION HONORING DOUG MCARTHUR**

President Pointer read a proclamation declaring the naming of a baseball field at Vassault Park in honor of Doug McArthur. Board members commented on Mr. McArthur's dedication to community athletics and parks since the 1960's. Mr. McArthur was present to receive the proclamation and thanked the District for the honor.

**PARKS CHAMPION AWARD HONOREES**

The Board honored local and state electeds Marty Campbell, Catherine Ushka, Steve Conway and Jay Fey for their support and effort in securing funding for the Eastside Community Center. Electeds thanked the Board and staff for the vision of the center to provide services for eastside residents.

**GREATER METROPARKS FOUNDATION**

Julie Dugan, president of the foundation informed the Board of new members that have recently joined the Board. Ms. Dugan commented on the funds raised by the foundation that are being endowed for the Eastside Community Center programming. Ms. Dugan recognized District resource development staff for their continued work. A check for \$322,880.27 was presented to the Board.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Pointer commented that the Board retreat was held last Friday. Discussion items included diversity, equity and inclusion efforts of the District, a proposal from the Asia Pacific Cultural Center, and the Swan Creek Master Plan.

President Pointer also stated that on January 15<sup>th</sup> Tacoma City Council voted to approve the renaming of Marine Park to Judge Jack Tanner Park. A tentative date of June 1<sup>st</sup> is being considered for a renaming dedication at the park.

President Pointer noted that he recently attended the Washington State Parks Commission meeting held in Tacoma last week. During their time in Tacoma, the commission toured several of the MPT facilities and parks.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

President Pointer made 2019 Committee Assignments:

- Capital Improvement Committee –Commissioner Hanberg, Commissioner Baines (Commissioner Smith- Alternate)
- Joint Municipal Action Committee – Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Smith (Commissioner Hanberg Alternate)
- Zoo Liaison—Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hanberg (Commissioner Reid Alternate)
- MPT/TPS Coordinating Committee—Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Baines (Commissioner Hanberg Alternate)
- MPT/COT Interlocal Policy Committee—Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Reid (Commissioner Baines Alternate)
- Pierce County Baseball Committee- Commissioner Pointer
- Greater Metro Parks Foundation – Commissioner Smith
- Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Advisory Council—Commissioner Reid
- Nature and Environment Advisory Council—Commissioner Hanberg
- Arts and Heritage Advisory Council—Commissioner Smith
- Business and Responsive Agency Advisory Council—Commissioner Baines

#### **Nature & Environment Advisory Council**

Commissioner Smith commented that she attended the January 16<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. Agenda items included the Dickman Mill Park art project proposal and the Dune Park sail mound art.

#### **Active Lifestyles & Community Wellness Advisory Council**

Commissioner Reid commented that the council met on January 24<sup>th</sup> . The council reviewed new member applications and discussed the 2019 work plan.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Waterline repairs at Point Defiance Park are being finished up, paving is planned for this Wednesday.
- Heaters at the Meadow Park Driving Range are now functioning and in final testing.
- Norpoint 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event is planned for Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Curt Mehlhaff commented that he attended the Park Board retreat. He commented that the Eastside Center was needed to serve kids and citizens in that part of town. He noted that the Board should be cautious about building too many centers when other areas of town become jealous, as the District cannot afford to operate them.

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Reid and passed on a vote of 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. C5-19:** ACCEPTING \$324,283.54 IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GREATER METRO PARKS FOUNDATION FOR MULTIPLE METRO PARKS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

**RESOLUTION NO. C6-19:** ACCEPTING \$16,438.80 IN FUNDS FROM THE W.W. SEYMOUR CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION

**RESOLUTION NO. C7-19:** POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM PICNIC SHELTER FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF W.S. CONTRACTORS, LLC. CONTRACT 201843Z/BID NO. J2017-28

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Pointer and passed on a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Smith indicated that the amount of funding presented by the GMPF does not reconcile with the amount of funding noted in C5-19. Shon Sylvia stated staff will address the inconsistency

**PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO.P8-19:** AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOOD AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

- 1.WASHINGTON CITIES INSURANCE AUTHORITY (WCIA) FOR PROPERTY, LIABILITY, AND AUTO INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$688,762.00
- 2.STATE OF WASHINGTON AUDITORS FOR 2019-20 FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NO TO EXCEED \$130,000 FOR 2019-20
- 3.STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY- WASHINGTON CONSERVATION CORP FOR HABITAT RESTORATION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$185,000 FOR 2019-20

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Erwin Vidallon commented that the District has been a member of the WCIA insurance pool since 2008. He noted that in addition to property, liability and auto insurance, WCIA provides risk audits, trainings, pre-defense legal reviews, land use and other legal issues.

Erwin Vidallon commented that the state auditors item covers the District's financial audit and has been expanded to include the Greater Metro Parks Foundation, and the Eastside Community Center QUALICB.

Marina Becker commented that DOE Conservation Corp. provides a field crew to help reach District conservation goals. The District has been partnering with the corp. Since 2009.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

### **PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. PW9-19:** POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM SEAWATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 CONTRACT 2017146Z McCLURE and SONS, INC. BID NO. J2017-15

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this was reviewed at the CIC on January 16<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the change order is needed to address ground water issues on the project site.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. PW10-19:** AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 10 WITH TURNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE AQUARIUM PROJECT AT POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this change order is needed to address final leak repairs to the concrete of the aquarium.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. PW11-19:** AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO 1 TO ARTIST MARY COSS FOR COMMISSIONING OF ART

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that a contract for art brief was executed in 2018 for \$15,000. This amendment will be for the commissioning of the art piece, *Ghost Log*.

Curt Mehlhaff commented that he needs more information about the nature of the funding for this project.

Staff indicated that the project is funded by a Cambia donation, but will provide additional information to the citizen.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. PW12-19:** POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM ASIA FOREST SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT AWARD PACIFIC EARTH WORKS, INC. BID NO. J2018-24

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this contract is needed to address erosion issues on site cause by hoof stock as well as drainage issues.

Curt Mehlhaff commented that perhaps this work should be reconsidered if in time the animal collection might change at the zoo.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. PW12-19: POINT DEFIANCE MARINA FACILITY MAJOR RENOVATIONS RFQ #J2015-12 CONTRACT AWARD TO BERGER ABAM**

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this contract will allow for major facility renovations at the Point Defiance Marina.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R13-19: MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE FIELD DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR NEW ELECTRICAL LIGHTING CONDUIT**

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that the District's 2017 field study identified this as a possible partnership project. Staff noted that funding is from the 2014 Bond.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. RR4-19: ACCEPTING THE SWAN CREEK MASTER PLAN**

This resolution was moved and seconded at the January 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Debbie Terwilleger stated that is taking the comments made by the Board at the last meeting under advisement. She noted that there will be more opportunities to include pieces of the plan as it goes into schematic design.

Abigail Vezcarra-Perez commented on the outreach she has been leading with populations not typically involved in planning efforts to get them involved.

Commissioner Baines suggested involving more children in the outreach efforts.

President Pointer inquired about camping. Staff commented that they will be considering infrastructure needed in Swan Creek Park needed to support camping and associated programming.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**BOARD COMMENTS** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board recessed into an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. (RCW 42-30-110 with no further action to be taken.)

**ADJOURN:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary