



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
July 23, 2018**

PRESENT: Andrea Smith, President  
Aaron Pointer, Clerk  
Tim Reid  
Erik Hanberg

EXCUSED: Jessie Baines

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

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

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Hanberg

**STUDY SESSION QUARTERLY CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE**

Debbie Terwilleger introduced Marty Stump. Mr. Stump commented that tonight's presentation would cover updates on expenditures through June of 2018 with additional discussion and updates planned for the Board retreat later in the month.

Mr. Stump reviewed the map of bond projects illustrating the number of projects spread throughout the entire city. A detailed spreadsheet showing the spending status as of June 30, 2018 was highlighted. It was noted that three big projects under construction, Aquarium, Eastside Community Center and Waterfront Phase 1 make up a large percentage of bond dollars spent thus far. The Eastside Community Center project will be completed in September with opening planned for October. The Aquarium opening is planned for September 7<sup>th</sup>. Within Waterfront Phase 1, Dune Peninsula is now taking shape, Wilson Way is near complete, the roundabout entry is complete and landscaping and seeding is now occurring on the site.

Mr. Stump then briefly commented on other projects currently under construction including Brown's Point Light House and restroom improvements at the Conservatory. Within the category of neighborhood small capital projects the following were highlighted by Mr. Stump:

- Blueberry Park- Currently in CD and Permitting Phase
- Tennis Court renovations phase 1 at Stewart Heights is planned for August, final court design phase for courts at Titlow and Browns Point Playfield is currently underway

At the Point Defiance Marina, construction continues on the Boat House elevators. At the Zoo there are a couple of improvement projects under way including the seawater supply building, picnic shelter, I.T. Closet and Musk Ox Holding facility. Staff then noted the projects occurring at NW Trek including bear fence construction.

Mr. Stump continued the presentation by briefly highlighting projects currently in design phase including Swan Creek Master Plan Update, Dickman Mill Park Headsaw Renovation, Owen Beach, and Foss Waterway Parks.

Mr. Stump also noted projects in the planning phase including Ruston Way planning and Titlow Park Master Plan Update.

Commissioner Hanberg inquired about where the Lincoln Tennis Team will be playing during construction. Staff indicated that the team has arranged to play at the STAR Center.

Commissioner Pointer urged staff to look for areas of collaboration as the renovation of Lincoln High School takes place.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

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

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **GREATER METRO PARKS FOUNDATION**

Bryan Flint introduced GMPF President Martha Lantz. Ms. Lantz recognized GMPF Board members and partners present at the meeting. She commented on the unique fundraising partnership between GMPF and the Boys and Girls Club for the Eastside Community Center. Carrie Holden, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club was introduced and commented on the success of the joint fundraising effort. Willie Stewart and Darren Zemanek both spoke about this unique fundraising project and the number of children that will benefit. Shalisa Hayes was recognized and thanked for continuing to support the project in the Tacoma community.

#### **PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JULY 28, 2018 ST PIERCE COUNTY TRAILS DAY**

President Smith read a proclamation in honor of Pierce County Trails Day planned for July 28, 2018. Mary Anderson commented on the Districts commitment to safe and accessible trails. Heather Rowley representing Forever Green thanked the District and the Board for their continued support of trail systems in the county and city of Tacoma.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Smith commented positively on the circus held at the STAR Center.

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

#### **Arts & Heritage Advisory Council**

Commissioner Pointer commented that at the last meeting that the council noted it will now start each meeting acknowledging the indigenous lands in recognition of the local tribes. The group reviewed plans for the welcome sculpture planned for the Eastside Community Center. The committee was updated on the Billy Ray sculpture for Eastside and the call to artists for the sail mounds at Dune Peninsula at Point Defiance.

#### **Joint Municipal Action Committee**

President Smith commented that at the July 13th meeting the committee received updates on the Ruston way Planning effort, County Library ballot measure and the status of City of Tacoma Libraries.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- The Special Olympics Southwest Regional golf tournament was held yesterday at Meadow Park Golf Course. Metro Parks had five athletes qualify for the state tournament which will be held August 18 in Everett.

- The 31st Annual Ethnic Fest is this Saturday and Sunday in Wright Park. Saturday night features another free movie in the park brought to you by Sound Credit Union and Click! The PG-rated Moana will be shown at dusk.
- Harvest Pierce County, Metro Parks Tacoma, and Charlotte's Blueberry Park Action Group are hosting the third Annual Blueberries & Blues celebration on Sunday, July 29 from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
- Metro Parks Tacoma youth competitive baseball games Tuesday, July 31 at Cheney Stadium. Between games the Parade of Players will feature youth from every Metro Parks Baseball team -- from T-ball through 18U. The evening features the 14U Championship Game and the 16U / 18U All-Star Game.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Luetta Patton thanked the Board for their recent motion regarding Portland Avenue Community Center. She inquired how the August 16th Public Meeting about Portland Avenue Community Center will be advertised.

### **MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Pointer and passed on a vote of 4-0(Commissioner Baines being excused).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. C62-18: ACCEPTING \$1, 848,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GREATER METRO PARKS FOUNDATION FOR EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Pointer and passed on a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Baines being excused).

### **PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. P63-18: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA**

1. SITECRAFTING, INC. FOR WEBSITE DESIGN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000
2. ANIMAL RIDES UNLIMITED, LLC FOR CAMEL RIDE REVENUE SHARE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,000

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Pointer.

Hunter George commented the main Metro Parks website and its affiliated non-ZEED subsites including Meadow Park, Fort Nisqually, the Conservatory, Tacoma Nature Center, and Point Defiance Marina are based on an outdated platform that is driving customers away. The sites are not “mobile responsive,” He commented that some two-thirds of our website visitors are using mobile devices, and our website metrics show they have a higher “bounce rate”, meaning they quickly leave the site, presumably because it’s too difficult to do business on our site from a mobile device.

Sitecrafting was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP), completed in June 2018, to develop new responsive websites for Metro Parks and five non-ZEED attractions. Sixteen firms submitted proposals, and staff interviewed three finalists.

Alan Varsik commented that in December of 2016, the Park Board of Commissioners approved Resolution P117-16 for the revenue share partnership with Animal Rides for the 2017 & 18 season in the amount of \$228,000. This program continues to be very successful and will surpass the projected sales. Mr. Varsik noted that staff is requesting approval of an additional \$140,000 to continue the experience through the balance of 2018, including Zoolights.

Being no additional comments the question was called and resolution passed on a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Baines Being excused).

### **PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**

#### **SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. PW64-18: HEIDELBERG SPORTS VILLAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY CONTRACT AWARD TO POPULOUS INC.**

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Pointer.

Joe Brady commented that the MPT Board of Park Commissioners and the Tacoma City Council directed staff in December 2017 (via Resolution 107-17 and Resolution 39900, respectively) to proceed with the necessary feasibility work to ensure that the Heidelberg Sports Village Project is a logical and needed asset for the citizens of Tacoma.

The Heidelberg Sports Village Project is made up of three distinct major improvements: a soccer specific stadium, an athletic field complex and a mixed-use development.

Mr. Brady commented that Populous Inc. is a worldwide company that focuses on sports stadium architecture and design that is experienced in assessing the long-term viability of sports-anchored mixed-use developments. In addition, Populous has assembled a talented team of sub consultants (several of which are local Tacoma firms) and was selected by a six (6) member panel consisting of representatives from the City of Tacoma, Tacoma Rainiers, Sounders FC, Thompson Consulting Group, and MPT staff. The panel reviewed Statements of Qualifications from six firms responding to our Request for Qualifications) and four firms were interviewed.

Mr. Brady noted that Populous Inc. will be providing feasibility studies that clearly articulate the costs for construction and operation, projected revenues and program plans for each of the Project's components, along with preliminary concept designs.

Commissioner Hanberg asked if the study will address ownership of a future facility. Mr. Brady commented that the study will address those issues.

Shon Sylvia commented that the timeline is 15 weeks for completion.

Joe Brady commented that a MPT/COT policy committee meeting is being planned for September and Joint MPT Board/City Council Meeting being scheduled for November.

Being no additional comments the question was called and resolution passed on a vote of 4-0. (Commissioner Baines Being excused).

**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS** None

**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hanberg commented positively on the recent Food Truck Festival in Wright Park.

Commissioner Pointer congratulated staff for having Point Defiance Park being named the best park in the state by Money Magazine.

Commissioner Reid commented on the success of the Friday at Fort event.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Being no additional business the Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter for 30 minutes.

**ADJOURN:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary