



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
June 10, 2019**

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

IN THE CHAIR: Aaron Pointer

PLACE: MPT Headquarters

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Baines

STUDY SESSION: CHIP-In! UPDATE

Richard Madison was present to give an update on the CHIP-In! Program. Mr. Madison commented that Chip-In! was created in 2003 and it replaced the Adopt a Park program. He noted that Chip-In! supports the Department of Parks and Recreation's volunteers and contributes to the District's volunteer goals and policies. The program is currently staffed with two full time and one part time employee. Mr. Madison stated that under the program there are several key areas including Park Watch efforts, Major Volunteer Service Days, Garden Groups, Habitat Stewards, and community partners. Mr. Madison also commented that scout troops are big contributors to the program. Eagle Scout Carson Redifer was present at the meeting and spoke about his Eagle Scout project of building fences at Point Defiance Park.

A map of Chip -In! volunteer locations illuminated where volunteer activity is going on in the District. Staff highlighted 2017/18 accomplishments as follows:

- Hosted over 220 volunteer work parties
- Celebrated our 18th anniversary of Parks Appreciation Day
- Created 5 new relationships with volunteer groups at Delong, Puget Park, China Lake, Wapato Park, and Titlow Park
- Created a Park Watch App (launch Summer of 2019)
- Established partnership with Northwest Youth Corps
- Received 75,000 hours of volunteer time, equaling \$185,0000 in equivalent value
- Worked with over 2000 volunteers

In 2019/20 Chip -In ! has identified the following goals:

- Streamline Better Impact Process for improved data collection
- Revitalize garden clubs at Point Defiance with new volunteers
- Increase total volunteer hours by 3000 per year throughout our Department
- Support our volunteers through added trainings and resources
- Finalize an onsite volunteer recognition signage package
- Add stewards and park watch groups at two new sites in 2019
- Continue Working with Volunteer Coordinators across district departments to align and coordinate best experiences for volunteers

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 None**PRESIDENTS REPORT** None**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS****Zoo Liaison Committee**

Commissioner Smith commented that the committee met on June 10th. At the meeting members received a zoo society funding report update. The committee was informed that the new eagle exhibit at Trek will be opening in August. In addition staff is looking at the potential of replacing the 1970's trams at Trek.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Alan Varsik introduced new Zoo employee Stephanie Rager.
- The District have funders who continue to support our programs year after year because they value the impact of our work. The following grants were recently received:
 - US Bank Foundation, \$5,000 for Elementary Sports Program
 - The Baker Foundation, \$5,000 for Summer Playground Program
 - Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund, \$5,000 for Specialized Recreation
- Summer Splash Expo is June 15th, from 12pm – 4pm at Stewart Heights Pool. The District is partnering with Sigma Gamma Rho and will be providing free transportation and access to a safety swim day! free swim lessons, activities, food, prizes, music.
- “Turtle Wave”, conservation/art project in conjunction with PDZA/Metro Arts was at Ocean Fest this weekend and is installed Foss Waterway Seaport. Through the Jeff Basos Foundation this community project raised over \$10,000 for ocean conservation.
- The Renegades Race Team completed the 53 mile Rainier to Ruston relay on Saturday in just over 9 hours Saturday June 1st. This marks the first time in the events 17 year history that a team of individuals with disabilities has ever done the race.
- We began our annual contract with the Tacoma Police Department for enhanced patrols through Point Defiance Park. TPD officers issued 10 tickets and 30 verbal warnings for traffic and park code violations during the first two weekends. This effort will heavily focus on speeding, reckless driving, racing and wildlife feeding throughout the park.

CITIZEN COMMENTS None**MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

CONSENT AGENDA**RESOLUTION NO. C37-19:** APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR MAY 2019

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

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. P38-19:** AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICE FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES FOR (1) CARGO VAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000
2. WESTERN EQUIPMENT FOR (1) GROUNDMASTER LAWN MOWER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$76,000
3. WESTERN EQUIPMENT FOR (2) GREENMASTER TRIFLEX HYBRID MOWERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000
4. VANTAGE VEHICLE INTERNATIONAL FOR (3) UTILITY TRUCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,130.00
5. COLUMBIA FORD FOR 2019 FOR F450 4WD TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,420.00

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

Marina Becker and Alan Varsik commented that this equipment is needed to replace old and worn out equipment. They noted that the staff follows District procedures when surplusing of the old equipment.

Commissioner Hanberg suggested the District communicate more with the public about the reduction of its emissions as it relates to more use of hybrid equipment and vehicles.

Commissioner Reid commented that he supports the resolution as staff needs good working equipment.

Being no additional comment the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS None

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Reid comment that he attend the Pipeline Trail Opening last weekend.

Commissioner Smith commented that she will be attending the Metro Arts Jungle Book production performances this weekend.

Commissioner Pointer commented positively on last weekend’s dedication and renaming of Marine Park to Jack Tanner Park

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary