



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
July 8, 2019**

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

EXCUSED: Erik Hanberg

ABSENT: Jessie Baines

IN THE CHAIR: Aaron Pointer

PLACE: MPT Headquarters

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Pointer

STUDY SESSION: JMAC PUBLIC LAND STUDY & DATABASE

Joe Brady commented that members of JMAC recently were presented with the final Forterra land study results. Mr. Brady noted that in 2018 Forterra partnered with members of the Joint Municipal Action Committee (JMAC), a group of local government agencies and nonprofits, to design a community asset map of the City of Tacoma. The purpose of this map is to give JMAC members a tool to inform real estate decisions that result in multiple public benefits. By combining a range of shared priorities around land use in evaluating opportunities for acquiring or activating public property, the map provides a lens through which to assess where investments can achieve the broadest public good.

Mr. Brady then gave a brief demonstration of the GIS mapping tool/database. He commented on the usefulness of this tool as the District takes on projects such as the level of service study and the school yard parks exploration.

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.

Commissioner Reid moved to excuse Commissioner Hanberg; seconded by Commissioner Smith.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Following an introduction about the benefits of Parks and Recreation from Marina Becker, President Pointer read a proclamation proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Tacoma.

RECOGNITION OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO

Marina Becker and Jan Bretana introduced representatives from Sigma Gamma Rho. Ms. Bretana spoke of the sorority's partnership with USA Swimming to support water safety in the community. A video highlighting the recent Summer Splash event held in June at Stewart Heights Pool was viewed. The Board and staff thanked Sigma Gamm Rho members for their coordination of the event that had over 400 attendees.

PRESIDENTS REPORT None**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Active Living and Community Wellness Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented that the committee attended and participated in the recent Swan Creek Master Plan public meeting. The next meeting will be a tour of the Lister Uplands at Swan Creek.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Joint Study Session with City Council is tomorrow July 9th at noon.
- Last week the District received a congratulatory letter from TripAdvisor informing us that we have been awarded a certificate of Excellence for Point Defiance Park for the 5th consecutive year of high ratings from travelers to Tacoma.
- Saturday was a spectacular day for Metro Parks and Tacoma with the opening of Wilson Way and Dune Peninsula.
- The District is hosting the sixth annual Metro Parks Food Truck Fest on Sunday, July 21, 2019 in Wright Park.
- District Park Rangers hosted our first-ever Junior Ranger Kickoff event on June 26th and welcomed 33 participants.
- Blueberries and Blues, a sweet summer celebration Sunday, July 14th, 4-7 pm at Charlotte's Blueberry Park. The event will start with a ribbon of the new playground equipment made possible through a partnership with the Trust for Public Land.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Amanda Latin commented on safety concerns she has regarding the playground space at Wapato Hills Park. She encouraged the Board to consider fencing around playground structures.

President Pointer thanked Ms. Latin for her comments and noted that the District takes safety very seriously.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Reid moved to adopt the minutes as amended; seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed on a vote of 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C40-19: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR JUNE 2019

RESOLUTION NO. C41-19: POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM ASIA FOREST FINAL ACCEPTANCE TO PACIFIC EARTH WORKS, INC. CONTRACT 201903Z/ BID NO. J2018-24

RESOLUTION NO. C42-19: WATERFRONT PHASE 1 SR163 N 46TH ST. TO N 54TH ST. FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF SCI INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC CONTRACT #: 2017155J

Commissioner Reid moved adopt the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Smith. Being no additional comments the consent agenda passed on a vote of 3-0.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS None

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS PARK CODE REVISIONS

Pete Mayer stated that staff has been actively working with City staff on updates to the Park Code in Chapter 8 of the City’s Municipal Code. He noted that codes were last updated in 2007/08. Staff commented that a number of issues are being addressed through the code revisions process including vaping, drones, vehicle access and tent structures. Mr. Mayer commented that this topic will be discussed at the July 22nd Park Board Study Session. It was noted that these revisions are scheduled for final City Council consideration on October 8th.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board members thanked and recognized staff for the Dune Park Opening event that took place on Saturday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Being no additional comments the Board recessed for 40 minutes to discuss pending litigation.

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary