



**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
November 18, 2019**

PRESENT: Aaron Pointer, President
Tim Reid, Clerk
Andrea Smith
Erik Hanberg
ABSENT: Jessie K. Baines, Jr.

PLACE: Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters

The meeting was called to order by President Pointer at 5:30pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

October 21, 2019

It was moved and seconded to adopt the minutes as presented; approved unanimously.

IMPACTS OF 1000

Erwin Vidallon commented that Referendum 88 failed in the recent election. He noted that the State is currently putting together a submission for the governor's office for a supplemental budget request for the purpose of outreach and development of a system to enhance MWBE reporting. Staff noted that according to the State, they are not expecting the outcome of R88 to hamper their ability to move forward.

There was brief discussion amongst Board members relative to the City's disparity study. Staff commented that once a study is done and agency must act on it.

HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

Linda Stewart from the City of Tacoma was introduced. Ms. Stewart commented that the City is currently providing trash receptacles and portable toilets at People's Park as homeless individuals are currently pitching tents on the perimeter of the park and in the plating strips. She noted that multiple partners continue to work on final plans for the mitigation site for micro shelters. It was noted that at this time it will likely be mid- December before the site is up and running. She stressed that once the site is up their will be enforcement of the tent ordinance. Ms. Stewart also indicated that the City continues to work with the other agencies and faith based organizations to arrange for additional temporary shelter sites.

Ms. Stewart commented that at November 19th council meeting, the council will be considering the extension of the emergency declaration, amending the temporary shelter regulations and a

contract for the micro shelter provider. Ms. Stewart commented that the mitigation site where the micro shelters will be placed is on 8th & MLK and will be use for 8 months.

Both City and MPT staff are making sure that communication on these plans is being managed.

HSV FEASIBILITY STUDY- WORK STREAM THREE- TCC FIELDS

Joe Brady reminded the Board of the District's 2016 field study of 129 fields owned by MPT and TPS were analyzed. At that time the capital recommendations of the study indicated an improvement of local fields, as well as investigation of a multi-field sports complex.

During the HSV feasibility study, work stream three provided information that informed staff that due to growth and popularity of soccer Tacoma does not have enough fields to accommodate the new and expected growth. Mr. Brady commented that work stream three also included a site feasibility analyses of a complex including Tacoma Landfill, Mount Tahoma High school, Williams Nine at Meadow Park Golf Course, and the Tacoma Community College field site. An operating Pro Forma was briefly reviewed with the Board. Commissioner Hanberg expressed concern about the TCC owned site due to the wetlands in that area.

Mr. Brady commented that next steps include consultant led public outreach to focus on development of a steering committee, confirmation of needs, development of site criteria, site identification and a final set of recommendations.

Staff will be attending the TCC Board of Trustees meeting later in the week to speak with them about study.

DISTRICT POLICIES

Paul Weed noted that the Board received a policy summary at an October Board meeting. Red-lined versions of the polies were distributed to the Board. Mr. Weed also commented that the union has been given an opportunity to review the policies.

There was brief discussion about section VII of the Recruitment Policy 512.001, staff noting that this now adds consistency with EEO hiring practices.

The Board requested that Policy 000.008 Tree Trimming Policy be fully vetted with the City arborists before adoption.

Staff noted polices will be brought for first reading at the November 25th Board Meeting.

OTHER

Board members requested a December 2nd COW meeting to discuss TB /elephants at the zoo.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, President Pointer adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by:
Jennifer Bowman, Secretary