



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
December 9, 2019**

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

IN THE CHAIR: President Pointer

PLACE: Metro Parks Tacoma District Headquarters

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Pointer

STUDY SESSION Serving our Youth

Marina Becker introduced Mary Tuttle, Mary Anderson and Ben Foster. Ms. Tuttle was able to show on heat map the services areas in Tacoma where over 117,000 youth being served by the District. She noted that currently the biggest population being served is the K through middle school population. Mary Anderson gave additional details about the Thrive Program happening at People's Community Center in partnership with Jason Lee Middle School. A video showing the benefits of the Thrive Program which encourages short spurts of movement and exercise in the classroom to increase learning was viewed. The program at People's Center involves swimming classes which can lead to lifeguard training for those interested, and additional opportunities for eco-kayaking for science classes.

Ben Foster then highlighted center programming for youth in Tacoma. He noted that the centers have become a hub for kids after school. For students not enrolled in the Boys and Girls Club programming the centers are offering some free programming at Eastside Community Center. Mr. Foster specifically focused on the new youth councils that have been formed at each center. Councils are currently meeting once a month and each is at a different level of formation at this point in time. Councils have developed their own projects to work on to serve youth at their center. Mr. Foster commented that the ESCC Youth Council recently hosted a late night movie. Mary Tuttle reminded the Board that during the summer learning loss is being addressed at camps. Although the state requests that one week of instruction be incorporated during these camps the District recently had 5 weeks of summer instruction available to youth in Tacoma. Next steps articulated by Ms. Tuttle included continued work on the Whole Child Initiative including a new mobile teaching kitchen, serving youth with disabilities, and more consistency in delivery of youth programming.

REGULAR MEETING

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS POINTS NE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jim Harnish representing the Points NE Historical Society was introduced by Joey Furuto. Mr. Harish gave some history about the society noting that they were formed in 1986. The society currently has an agreement with Metro Parks and services Browns Point and Dash Point. He

noted that the society had over 4,000 volunteer hours this past year. He spoke of the many projects the volunteers worked on including grant writing, restoration of the keeper’s cottage, restoration of the fountain at Dash Point, acquisition of the Meeker real estate office and light house fence replacement. Photos of these activities were shown to the Board.

Additionally Mr. Harnish commented on the many events and programs hosted by the society including field trips, historical displays in the community, veterans breakfast, and lighthouse and cottage tours.

Board members thanked Mr. Harnish and the Society for all their dedication and hard work.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Pointer commented that the recently attend the Tree Canopy meeting hosted by the City of Tacoma.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS None

FINAL NOMINATIONS AND VOTING FOR BOARD OFFICERS

Commissioner Reid was nominated at the November 25th meeting for the position of Board President. Being no additional nominations the question was called and Commissioner Reid was elected as Board President.

Commissioner Hanberg was nominated at the November 25th meeting for the position of Board Clerk. Being no additional nominations the question was called and Commissioner Hanberg was elected as Board Clerk.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Alan Varsik introduced new zoo employee, Tessa LaVergne.
- MPT Employee Holiday Party is Wednesday, December 18th , Environmental Learning Center at PDZA, 5:30 pm.
- At People’s Park the city of Tacoma is overseeing the set-up of the microshelter site at 802 MLK Jr. Way. Construction of 22 units is in process, and the city anticipates the site will be operational by December 19th . The City has conducted door-to-door outreach and mailings to neighbors within a half-mile radius. The City is establishing a stakeholder community group to engage with residents of the emergency shelter site. Additionally, 2 churches have applied for permits with the city to provide a total of 72 shelter beds. In addition, the City and MDC are working with other stakeholders to establish additional shelter beds.
- December 14th District events:
 - Salmon Saturday event at Swan Creek Park, 10 am
 - Breakfast with Santa at Eastside Community Center, 9 am
 - Cookies with Santa at People’s Community Center, 10 am
 - Victorian Holiday Festival at W.W. Seymour Conservatory, 10 am
 - December 15th memorial service for former Tacoma Mayor Mike Parker, 4 pm, Point Defiance Pagoda
 - January 1st Annual Polar Bear Plunge at Point Defiance Marina, 11:30 am

CITIZEN COMMENTS None

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25 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. C76-19: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR NOVEMBER 2019

RESOLUTION NO. C77-19: APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. C78-19: FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR GENERAL MECHANICAL AT PT. DEFIANCE MARINA BOAT ELEVATOR

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

New advisory council member Brittany McGrath was recognized and thanked by the Board.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P79-19: APPROVAL OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. ASSOCIATED PETROLEUM PRODUCT INC. FOR BULK FUEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000
2. PETRO CARD FOR FUEL, UNLEADED AND DIESEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000
3. VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, INC. FOR FUEL, UNLEADED AND DIESEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000
4. GOVERNMENT JOBS DBA NEOGOV FOR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT OF \$112,657.90

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

Marina Becker commented that all fuel vendors in this resolution are part of the State contract. She noted that by having a variety of vendors there are more options across the District for filling convenience when the fleet is in use.

Paul Weed commented that the NeoGov contract is an additional software module that will provide over 3,000 training offerings to staff all in one location on-line. The Board engaged in brief conversation about additional on the job training opportunities provided for department employees as well.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION NO. R80-19:** ENDORSEMENT OF TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSITION 1

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

President Pointer commented that the planned Bond package will reach all parts of the city and allow the school district to continue to provide quality facilities for learning to all you the in the city.

Commissioner Baines commented that he is pleased that the school district uses local contractors when completing bond construction work.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R81-19: REVISING DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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

Joe Brady commented that this past legislative session was successful overall. 2020 Agenda highlights noted by Mr. Brady included supporting WRPA initiative to allow parks and recreation agencies to take a 0.1 percent sales tax increase to voters, homelessness support, funding for Titlow Park and funding for greens school yards.

Mr. Brady commented that the District will also be monitoring the replacement of congressman Denny Heck upon his retirement.

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

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. RR75-19:** ADOPTION OF DISTRICT POLICIES

This resolution was moved and seconded on November 25th. Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None**NEW BUSINESS** None**BOARD COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hanberg commented that he would like to see the Lincoln Bowl have a new fence installed similar to the fence installed at the Browns Point Lighthouse.

Commissioner Reid thanked Commissioner Pointer for his service as Park Board president.

President Pointer thanked staff for their efforts over the past year.

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary