



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
February 10, 2020**

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

ABSENT: Jessie Baines

IN THE CHAIR: President Reid

PLACE: Metro Parks Tacoma District Headquarters

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Pointer

STUDY SESSION QUARTERLY CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this presentation covers the 4th quarter of 2019. Board members were reminded of the 2014 bond categories as well as the adopted 6 year capital plan. Ms. Terwilleger commented that actual funding spent through December 2019 was \$16.8 M. A summary slide outlining the funding sources, leveraged funds and partnership funds was reviewed. In the 4th quarter total dollars spent was \$9.6 M including \$9,261 in funding added to the District Art fund. Staff noted that during the 4th quarter 8 project scopes were initiated, 7 scopes were amended and 18 scopes were completed. Projects in construction during the 4th quarter included: PDZA Filtration System Improvements, PDZA Mechanical Upgrades, Center at Norpoint Roof, Waterwalk Restroom, Oak Tree Park, TOA Site Demolition, Northwest Trek Bear Fence and Overlook, Tech-Calsense Irrigation and Installation Tech-Enterprise Public Wireless Networking.

Completed Projects included Trek Asphalt overlay, Trek Bald Eagle Exhibit, and Irrigation improvements to Ruston Waterwalk.

Ms. Terwilleger commented that project scopes completed in the Q4 included: W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory Restroom, WA State Ferry Landing Restrooms at Point Defiance Park, Titlow Park Garage Expansion, People's Pool & Facility Upgrades, PDZA Kid Zone Goat Upgrades, PDZA Admin Building Renovations, Titlow Lodge Fire Remediation, Stewart Heights Tennis Courts, PDZA Wing & Dome Upgrades, PDZA Refrigeration Upgrades, Tech – Calsense Irrigation Installation, Ruston Waterwalk Irrigation Improvements, Ruston Way Community Planning, PDZA Asia Forest Sanctuary Drainage, Point Defiance Japanese Garden, Point Defiance Marina Complex Boat Lift Improvements, Northwest Trek Bald Eagle Exhibit, and Northwest Trek Asphalt Overlay Free Roaming Area.

Projects in design during the 4th quarter included: Point Defiance Loop Trail & Viewpoints, PDZA Parking Improvements, NW Trek Commissary / Hay Barn, NW Trek Water Systems Evaluation, NW Trek Tram Station, Point Defiance Owen Beach Renovation, Point Defiance Marina Renovations, MPT Headquarters Renovation, Swan Creek Phase 2, Meadow Park

Bridge at Hole 13, Meadow Park Clubhouse, Foss Waterway – Waterway Park, Foss Waterway Park –Melanie’s Park, and Dickman Mill Park.

Ms. Terwilleger than showed several slides concerning the Owen Beach improvements that are in permitting. She noted that Washington Sea Grant through the Washington Coastal Resilience Project has informed the design through evaluation and projection of sea level rise with an anticipated as up to 6’ of rise with storm surge by the end of the century.

Several drawings of Titlow Park were then reviewed. Staff commented that current planning is structured around the idea of a basic concept of naturalization and activation of the former TOA area. Work can be implanted in phases that can build upon one another and as driven by recreation and education programming for this site.

At the Point Defiance Marina construction will get under way in a multi-phase effort to bring approximately \$1M in renovations to the existing boathouse and marina. Staff commented that work will include replacement of a number of pilings beneath the old boathouse, replacements of under-deck utilities under portions of the new boathouse as well as repair of wood rot at existing doors, building siding and a new coat of paint for the entire facility.

At First Creek, a donated public open space project by Trust for Public Land is to include children’s play and public gathering space. Ms. Terwilleger commented that work is to get underway in early summer of 2020 and includes climbing features. The project is currently in final design review and permitting phase.

The Board was informed that Gas Station Park is currently in the preliminary design phase working with \$350K funding provided by the City of Tacoma. A Public meeting was held last week to review early renovation concepts. Staff noted that construction is planned to be completed in 2020.

Photos from Swan Creek were then reviewed and staff remarked that the design for improvements to Swan Creek Park are currently in the permitting phase and include the formal vacation of a significant amount of former street right-of-way within the park boundaries. Phase 1 to include improvements to park access, restrooms, off-leash area, picnic pavilion and landscape amenities.

Ms. Terwilleger reviewed several renderings of the Dickman Mill Headsaw renovation. The Dickman Mill project is in permit review and scheduled for bidding in the spring of 2020.

Board members were informed that Melanie’s Park on the Foss is in final design and permitting phase and will likely get under construction late 2020 or early 2021 contingent upon completion of City of Tacoma stormwater outfall at this site.

A scope was prepared in late 2019 for improvements to Ryan’s Park with improvements to focus upon park entries and access, including a pedestrian bridge to serve also as westerly park entrance consistent with the City of Tacoma proposed Bicycle Boulevard. Staff stated that public art may also be employed to enhance and better delineate the park entries.

At Point Defiance Park, a signage package for Dune Peninsula in being prepared for bidding and installation in early 2020.

Commissioner Hanberg requested additional information on the percentage for the arts funding.

Commissioner Pointer requested additional information on interpretative signage for Jack Tanner Park.

REGULAR MEETING

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PARKS CHAMPION AWARD – CHARLOTTE’S BLUEBERRY PARK VOLUNTEERS

A proclamation in appreciation of the Charlotte’s Blueberry Park Action Group was read by President Reid. Sandra Ford, Corina And Kevin Going, Anthony Bradley, Gloria Morehouse, Cheryl Little, Wendi And Juan Villagomez, Kristyn Moss, and All Members Of Charlotte’s Blueberry Park Action Group also received a Parks Champion Award in recognition of their leadership and community service.

Mary Anderson commented on all the work that has been done by the group to make Blueberry Park a safe place for their neighborhood.

Sandra Ford addressed the Board and thanked the District for the ongoing collaboration.

GREATER METRO PARKS FOUNDATION

Sandra Eliason thanked Julie Dugan, Interim Executive Director of the Greater Metro Parks Foundation. Ms. Dugan commented on the work that has been occurring at the foundation during this time of transition. She thanked MPT staff and the Zoo Society for their support. Ms. Dugan stated that the foundation is now moving from a capital campaign mode into program fundraising. In addition, Ms. Dugan commented along with filling its executive director position the foundation will focus on two core values: advancing equity and climate crisis. Since its Board has had a 50% turnover rate since 2018 the foundation will also be focusing on board development. Ms. Dugan stated that the foundation board is hopeful that the new MOU being developed with the District will support the goals of both entities.

PRESIDENTS REPORT None

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Smith noted that the JMAC will hold its next meeting on February 14, 2020.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Marina Becker introduced the Board to her two recently named deputy directors, Phedra Redifer and Hollie Rogge.
- The District’s Wheelchair Basketball team the Titans had the opportunity to compete in a regional tournament, held in Las Vegas. They are now ranked #4 nationally and have been invited to move on to compete in the national tournament in March in Wichita Kansas.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Curt Mehlhaff commented that Seattle Times published an article today that articulated information related to the State of Washington Family Leave Act.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C10-20: APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. C11-20: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR JANUARY 2020

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

Commissioner Hanberg recognized the newly appointed advisory council members.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R12-20: ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$510,731.68 IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GREATER METRO PARKS FOUNDATION FOR MULTIPLE METRO PARKS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

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

Sandra Eliason commented that this is the second of two 2019 distributions from the Foundation. Ms. Eliason stated that staff is looking forward to continued work with the foundation in 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R13-20: POINT DEFIANCE WATERFRONT PHASE 1 PROJECT ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND AMENDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this resolution was reviewed by the CIC. Ms. Terwilleger stated that the District and the EPA have had a working relationship during the Waterfront

Phase 1 work at Point Defiance Park. The Board was informed that this resolution will accept an additional \$2.1M from the EPA for remediation work done during the project. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director to make amendments to the cooperative agreement with the EPA.

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

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Reid requested staff contact staff at Pierce College to explore possible partnership opportunities.

Commissioner Smith informed staff and Board members that long time parks volunteer Larry Scheidt has passed away.

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary