



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
February 24, 2020**

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

IN THE CHAIR: President Reid

PLACE: Metro Parks Tacoma District Headquarters

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Smith

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

CITY OF TACOMA COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Kathryn Johnston of the city of Tacoma's Budget office was present to share results of the City's most recent community survey. Ms. Johnston commented that a telephone survey of 750 respondents was conducted in late 2019. Those who were interviewed answered survey questions related to quality of life, satisfaction with City services and major issues facing the city, as well as confidence with local government. Ms. Johnston highlighted that survey data was broken down by councilmanic districts.

Key findings reported by Ms. Johnston include ratings of quality of life and overall satisfaction remain strong, but showed some signs of decreasing from the 2018 survey. In addition, homelessness, population growth, affordable housing, crime and drugs were commonly cited as major issues facing the City of Tacoma in the next ten years. Additionally, police investigations/patrol, public transit services, neighborhood walkability, and the health of the Puget Sound are newly identified high ranking services in this year's survey. Survey results also indicate that code enforcement, street condition/lighting, traffic signal timing and economic/ business development activities remain high priorities from the 2018 survey. It was also found that measures of safety and confidence with police remained mostly stable, and racial and demographic differences continue to be observable in these measures.

Ms. Johnston stated that the park and recreation questions were stated a bit differently than in past surveys but responses indicated that citizens are still very highly satisfied with park and recreation services in the city.

Black History Month

Staff members Delia Flores, Courtney Acoff and Adriane Kehinde-Lewis commented on the recent Black History Month Celebration held at People's Community Center. Staff reported on the evening's activities and the positive impact events such as these have on the neighborhood.

Photos of the event were shared with the Board. Commissioners Reid and Pointer commented positively on the event.

District Arts Program Update

Debbie Terwilleger reminded the Board that as part of the 2014 Bond a policy was adopted by the Board to set aside 1% of the District's capital projects budget for public art. The policy is supported throughout the District with assistance from the City of Tacoma's Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality. As a reminder staff noted that public art financial contribution is calculated upon 1% of capital projects with budgets of \$100,000 or greater. Projects with a budget of \$5M or greater the art allocation will be retained within the project and developed as part of the overall project design. Projects with a budget of less than \$5M shall contribute funds to the District Art Fund (DAF), or used by the project if recommended by the District Arts Plan.

Ms. Terwilleger noted the goals of the District's public art program including using public art to foster Metro Parks' multi-pronged mission of fostering active lifestyles, promoting appreciation and stewardship of nature and wildlife, and building understanding of culture and heritage. A process flow chart of the District's public art project development process was reviewed. Staff informed Board members that priorities of the public art plan include: Community Vision and Leveraging Opportunities, Geographic Equity, Diversity, and New Audiences, Connections and Systems and Capacity Building. A map showing the distribution of the public art throughout the city was reviewed.

Staff commented that thus far 14 public art projects through the District process have been completed, 6 are in progress and 11 are currently proposed. These projects total just over \$1.5M. Photos highlighting the completed art were viewed.

Next steps include extending the contract with the City for continued art administration and updating the 21/22 art work plan.

PRESIDENTS REPORT None

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Smith reported that JMAC met on February 13th. The agenda included 2019 work plan highlights from each jurisdiction.

Zoo Volunteer Event

Commissioner Smith commented that she attend the Zoo Volunteer Recognition Event on February 1st. Volunteer hours at the zoo in 2019 totaled 36,170 hours.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Alan Varsik introduced the following new employees: Kelsie Atz-Riley, Monica Battersby & Mette Hansen.
- Staff is continuing to clean up and access damage from the weekend storms at Point Defiance Park and Meadow Park Golf Course.
- Repair work related to damage resulting from the landslides under Wilson Way have begun.

CITIZEN COMMENTS None

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA None

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 None

BOARD COMMENTS None

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary