



## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

January 29, 2020  
5:00 PM  
MINUTES

**Attendees:** Commissioner Baines, Commissioner Pointer

**Staff Support:** Debbie Terwilleger, Director - Planning & Development; **Marty Stump**, Deputy Director - Planning & Development Department; **Roger Stanton**, Capital Program Manager – Regional Parks and ZEED; **Claire Keller-Scholz**, Art, Culture, & Heritage Administrator; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from the October 30 and November 13, 2019 meetings will be emailed to commissioners in attendance (Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Hanberg) for approval.

### Project Status

- Commissioner Baines requested a future presentation on Metro Park's Level of Service commitment. Marty will schedule this.
- Commissioner Pointer asked about the Dickman Mill Park project. Marty explained it is progressing as scheduled and is currently in the permitting phase. The project will go out to bid in a couple of months, with construction slated to start early to mid-summer. Commissioner Baines noted this project's long approval period. Marty concurred, noting remediation and water work as key contributing factors. It was noted the Department of Natural Resources will be taking out the old pilings in 2020. They are conducting an analysis to confirm work will not damage the park (wave actions). They also agreed to remove a few additional pilings on Metro Parks and/or COT property.

### Discussion Items

#### **Final Design Proposal, Eastside Community Center Memorial Mural**

- Marty opened the discussion with a review of Metro Park's Public Art Workflow.
- Claire presented Dionne Bonner's artist proposal for the center's painted indoor mural. Called In Loving Memory, the mural is dedicated to eastside youth lost to gun violence. The design represents the community through a colorful celebration of local youth. It was noted numerous one-on-one interviews with local families were conducted for insight. The mural's proposed site is on the two walls at the base of the indoor slide.
- Commissioner Pointer asked the status of the ECC slide. Marty explained it is being replaced with a safer version that will be enclosed and without a "bump". Fabrication will take between 1 ½ to 2 months once shop drawings are approved.
- Commissioner Baines asked about the installation timing of the slide and mural. Roger reported the mural will be installed first in February. The slide is expected to be finalized by

the end of April. He added this timing was adopted to make sure the slide doesn't cover up any of the mural.

- This project has been in coordination with local middle school students. It will enter the design phase in February and be installed on the two walls at the base of the indoor slide.
- Both Commissioners were supportive of the project's direction.

### **Waterfront Phase 1 Signage Package**

- Roger presented the signage package for Waterfront Phase 1. He explained it has been a long process because we needed to make sure the signs are unique, but also work with the park's established branding.
- Sign samples presented included: vehicular, pedestrian, low concrete wall, interpretive signage panels and ground medallions. Signs will be scattered around the site, totaling 21 large signs and 20-21 ground medallions.
- Interpretive looking tubes are also being installed. They will point out site viewpoints i.e. Mount Rainier, Vashon Island, etc.
- Commissioner Pointer asked what type of material will be used. Roger reported numerous materials, noting they will be scrubable and replaceable per the Maintenance Department's recommendations.
- Marty explained the next step is a construction contract that will be presented at a future CIC meeting.
- Commissioner Pointer like the images and stated the signs will be just in time for summer visitors.

### **Emergency Declaration Memo – Wilson Way Landslide**

- Marty reported a Declaration of Emergency was declared by our Executive Director related to the hillside slough (landslide) near Wilson Way. This declaration helps to suspend some of the bidding procurement steps to expedite a restoration plan.
- Marty reported the site has been secured, noting it was a superficial sloughing. We are working with insurance and the contractor to mobilize repairs. And since the site is still under warranty, discussions are happening to determine the cause. The contractor has provided a crew for stabilization and Roger is working on the restoration plan.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if any other areas are in danger. Roger reported it is hard to predict this, noting they didn't anticipate any problems with this area. It was noted the site will become more stable as the plantings take hold.
- It was reported that the structural integrity of the bridge is fine, referencing the 20 foot deep footings.
- Roger concluded that we will continue to monitor the area for cracks, installing stakes on either side of any cracks and measuring for movements.
- Commissioner Pointer asked about any sloughing on the waterfront drive to the Tacoma Yacht Club. It was reported no, commending the extensive storm drainage engineering that took place.

### **Action Item**

## **Point Defiance Park Waterfront Phase 1 – Accepting and Appropriating Additional Funding and Amending the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Cooperative Agreement and the Capital Improvement Plan**

- This resolution allows Metro Parks to accept and appropriate an additional \$2,189,638, for a total of \$27,586,865, from The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the slag peninsula remediation and for the implementation of the Point Defiance Park Waterfront Phase I project.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if the EPA was been ok to work with.
  - Debbie reported this project wouldn't have happened without EPA's help. She explained we negotiated a cooperative agreement with them at the start of the project. This agreement spelled out what the EPA and Metro Parks would pay for. She explained it has been complicated at times, requiring extensive collaboration. Originally they estimated \$12M (hoping for \$8M) for remediation work, however they agreed any additional work would be paid by the agreed-upon ratio.
- Commissioner Pointer asked about the status of the delay claim mediation with the project's contractor (Atkinson).
  - Debbie reported the delay claim has been settled. This resolution reflects EPA's contribution towards this settlement. Marty added that the final agreed settlement amount was significantly lower than the original ask.
- Debbie added that if this resolution is approved, it will also amend the cooperative agreement to match the final EPA's \$27M total contribution.
- Roger added that the scheduled marker pile work is being covered 100% by these EPA funds.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

### **Additional Discussion Items**

- Commissioner Pointer asked about the gangway at the Tacoma Yacht Club, noting its steepness.
  - Marty pointed out that although the original design is code-compliant, we agree it is less than ideal at low tide. We are acting in good faith to finding a solution, mentioning possibly repositioning the gangway. Roger noted that the yacht club has hired an engineer and is in a pre-app permit phase with the City of Tacoma. Next step, discussing design options and COT's comments. Commissioners were told there will be more to come on this topic.
- Commissioner Baines asked about the TOA/Hidden Beach Feasibility study.
  - Marty said it is moving forward, noting there was a slowdown during the master planning phase. He added we are exploring ideas for the site (other uses and programming) and suggested a field trip to the site.
  - It was noted that the old perimeter fence is down, allowing the public access to the beach.
  - The bridge will need to be fully rebuilt. Commissioner Baines asked the price to replace the bridge. Marty reported approximately \$1M to \$1 1/2M to create a prefab steel bridge with concrete decking. He noted this is an unfunded construction project, a good choice for possible grant funding.

- A steering committee meeting is scheduled for next week, with concepts being presented in a couple months.

**Meeting Adjourned**