



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

February 26, 2020
5:00 PM
MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner Baines, Commissioner Pointer (absent)

Staff Support: Debbie Terwilleger, Director - Planning & Development; **Marty Stump**, Deputy Director - Planning & Development Department; **Phedra Redifer**, Deputy Director - Regional Parks + Attractions, **Roger Stanton**, Capital Program Manager – Regional Parks and ZEED; **Kristi Evans**, Capital Program Manager – Community & Neighborhood Parks, **Tom Dargan**, Project Administrator

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the January 29, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Project Status

- Commissioner Baines asked about recent work at Lincoln Park. Marty reported Metro Parks has been working with Tacoma Public School (TPS) on its bond program, noting Lincoln High School is slated for significant field improvements.

Discussion Items

Point Defiance Park/Owen Beach

- Marty reported there have been frequent conversations around the Owen Beach project, mentioning the recent Board Quarterly Capital briefing. The project will be entering the bidding and contract negotiation phase in late summer (after the Labor Day weekend), with construction starting early September. This project has attracted a lot of public interest.
- It was noted Owen Beach has always been a place of public assembly, noting Native American usage.
- The current plan adheres to the 2018 Point Defiance Masterplan that recommends moving parking back from the shoreline. In addition, the new shelter will also be moved back do to emergent data (coastal resilience/climate change).
- Commissioner Baines asked if we were doing this project solely because of sea-level rise. It was reported no.
- Kristi presented current design renderings. It was noted the open air pavilion will be enclosed and include food concessions. The existing concession building will now be used for kayaks.
- Discussions with the City of Tacoma have taken place regarding shoreline permitting and the use of green infrastructure to address parking lot water runoff.
- Other items being discussed include a children's beach play area and the schedule for permitting, bidding and construction.

Point Defiance Park/Marina Improvements

- Roger presented targeted improvements at the Marina, most notably exterior and utility work. Items targeted include building siding and concrete decking to correct for poor drainage
- The project is currently in the permitting phase. Work will get underway in May with postponement of work at times in order to minimize impacts to fishermen.
- Items currently being discussed include:
 - Changing the building siding from cedar to Hardi-plank for extended wear
 - Considering two bidding strategies for utility replacement under building. Do bidding in two portions or all at once.
 - In-water work for piling replacement under older portion of boathouse.

Point Defiance Park / Loop Trail

- Tom presented an update to the Loop Trail project at Point Defiance Park, noting the alignment to the 2015 Master Plan Shared-Use Trail Proposal.
- Forest health benefits (fire fuel removal) and measures taken to minimize tree removal were spotlighted.
- The project's schedule is under reviewed, along with Shoreline and Site Development Permits and Environmental Review.
- Phedra led a discussion on public protection during construction, including during the tree removal phase.
- It was suggested an intersection light be added at animal loop road.

Action Items

- None

Meeting Adjourned