



**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
(VIRTUAL MEETING)**

**May 13, 2020
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Baines (absent)

Staff Support: **Marty Stump**, Deputy Director - Planning & Development Department; **Roger Stanton**, Capital Program Manager – Regional Parks and ZEED; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the April 15, 2020 meeting were virtually approved on April 16, 2020.

Project Status

- Commissioner Pointer asked if the Gas Station Park project with Cambia partnership is on hold. Marty reported that, as of today, the project is moving forward. It is in the permitting stage right now, with bidding scheduled for later this summer. He added that Metro Parks is currently prioritizing capital projects per the Governor's guidelines. Discussions are happening internally, with a briefing to the Board in two weeks. Commissioner Pointer noted he is pleased this project is moving forward.
- Commissioner Pointer asked status of the steep gangway slope at the Tacoma Yacht Club (TYC). Marty explained we have had considerable conversations regarding this issue, with TYC and the City of Tacoma (COT). Roger explained that TNC hired a consultant that designed a few new gangway options that were presented to COT. TYC has received initial permitting comments back from COT but we have not received an update since. Marty will check on any further updates and report back at the next full Board session.

Discussion Items

None

Action Item

Northwest Trek New Tram Loading Station - Weddermann Architecture, Contract Amendment No.1

- Metro Parks is switching to an electric tram fleet at NW Trek since the existing gas trams have reaching the ends of their service life. To accommodate the new electric vehicles, both the visitor loading and unloading areas and the mechanical serving area will need to be upgraded.
- Weddermann Architecture was hired for the original conceptual design and feasibility study for the new tram loading station project. With the first phase of conceptual design and site planning now complete, it is recommended that Weddermann Architecture continue work on the project's next and final phase, including schematic design through project closeout.

- This resolution authorizes an amendment to Wedderman's contract for the Northwest Trek New Tram Loading Station in the amount of \$160,455, bringing the contract total to an amount, not to exceed, \$189,305.
- Roger presented the conceptual design for the new tram station, noting the visitor load and upload area and new ADA pathway. He explained a new tram station was needed to accommodate requirements of the new electric tram cars, pointing out differing load height and charging station needs. The building will be limited to less than 3,600 square feet in size to avoid additional building requirements. Topography is also being reviewed since electric trams can't pull grades like gas versions.
- Roger explained the project has been well vetted, both internally and externally. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall in preparation for the new trams arrival next spring. It was mentioned we will run both trams (gas and electric) until the station is complete.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if the new trams will run on batteries. Roger said yes, adding there will be electric charging stations at both the load/unload and mechanical servicing areas.
- Commissioner Pointer ask what is being done with the old trams. It is likely that they will be surplus, however this will be confirmed and report at the next Board meeting.
- Commissioner Pointer was happy that Weddermann Architecture is a Women & Minority Owned Business (OWMBE).
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Meeting Adjourned