



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

**June 24, 2020  
5:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Baines (absent)

**Staff Support:** **Marty Stump**, Deputy Director - Planning & Development Department; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting were approved as written

**Project Status**

N/A

**Discussion Items**

**Capital Program – 2020 and 2021 Project Scheduling**

- Marty led a discussion on our capital projects schedule over the next few years. He explained there is an overall slowdown due to COVID 19 leading to staffing reductions.
- Projects were selected based on seven criteria. Marty detailed this process by reviewing a previous presentation to the Board. He followed this with a new mapping presentation that highlighted the distribution of upcoming projects, noting equitable distribution across Metro Park's boundaries.
  - The first map provided a snapshot of projects currently under construction and those intended for bidding between now and the end of this year. Marty explained that critical infrastructure needs were focused on, mentioning Pt. Defiance Park's Marina Boathouse, Owen Beach, Dickman Mill Headsaw, Swan Creek and Meadow Park Golf Course Bridge.
  - The following map presented projects in the design and planning stages through the end of this year. It was pointed out that a lot of work goes into the design and planning process before a project actually moves into construction. Projects mentioned included Gas Station Park and Titlow Park Master Plan
    - Commissioner Pointer asked the status of the Gas Station Park project now that the City of Tacoma has withdrawn their monetary contribution. Marty reported Metro Parks will continue moving the project forward through the conceptual drawings and public engagement phase.
  - The third slide mapped projects in construction and bidding during 2021-2026. Marty noted critical infrastructure were still the focus, highlighting project construction starts for Pt Defiance Park Sanitary Sewer Lift Station and Swan Creek Phase II. Projects mentioned entering bidding during 2021 were Browns Point Park improvements (including tennis courts), Melanie's Park, Pt. Defiance Park Loop Trail, Portland Ave. Park, STAR Center Playground Safety Surface and Tacoma

Nature Center's renovation. He noted the parking lot expansion project at PDZA hasn't been decided on yet.

- The last map features a number of projects being considered for the 2021-2026 CIP currently being developed. Marty reported we are being mindful of all collaborative agency efforts during this selection phase. Projects mentioned included Heidelberg Sports Village and Lincoln Park Phase II.
- Marty concluded by asking for Board feedback on this initial prioritization. Commissioner Pointer suggested forwarding this mapping information to the Board. Marty will coordinate this and ask that any questions be directed to him.

### **Action Items**

#### **Dawson Park - Property Ownership and ROW Vacation**

- Although originally scheduled for review at today's meeting, this action item is being delayed until all necessary documents can be pulled together.
- As background, Marty explained we own the property at Dawson Park, highlighting its location using a new GIS mapping tool. He explained Pierce County was doing grant-driven improvements to the property, when it was discovered that some former street right-of-ways were never properly vacated. And since we own the land, we need to take the lead in correction this situation.
- Metro Parks is reviewing a number of options including deeding the property over to Pierce County or a possible land trade. County-owned property Metro Parks is considering is by Swan Creek and along Ruston Way.
- It was pointed out that Dawson Park currently falls outside Tacoma's city limits, however future annexation shows it falls within.
  - Commissioner Pointer asked if the people living around Dawson Park pay taxes to Metro Parks. Marty stated he doesn't believe so, and will check if the unincorporated area around Dawson Park pays taxes to Metro Parks.
- Marty concluded that this item will be back on the agenda at the next CIC meeting in two week.

### **Meeting Adjourned**