



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

**August 26, 2020
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Baines (absent)

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

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the August 12, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Capital Project Status Update

None

Discussion Items

CIP Development Update

- Marty presented an update on the CIP development process. He reported that further refinement will happen throughout the month of September. It was noted this is running parallel with MPT's budget development.
- A PowerPoint outlined completed 2014 Bond projects, those going out for bid and potential future projects. Community needs are being weighted heavily, noting new GIS mapping and equity index.
- We are approximately 3/4 of the way through the 2014 Bond, with between \$35- \$40M remaining to be scoped. A table listing work underway and being considered was discussed. Marty noted the Headquarters' project is moving forward, taking advantage of the closure due to COVID19 and PDZA is addressing critical infrastructure work.
 - Projects scheduled to go out for bid between now and the end of the year include: Dickman Mill, Meadow Park Bridge, NW Trek Tram Station, Owen Beach, Public Art Work, Point Defiance Marina repairs/infrastructure, Seymour Conservatory, and Swan Creek.
 - Projects scheduled for planning and design later this year include: Ft Nisqually (finalist for Heritage Grant), Portland Ave Playfield and TPS Green School Yards program at a couple elementary schools,
 - Projects originally scheduled to get underway in 2020, but pushed into 2021 due to COVID19 delays include Brownpoint, Melanie's Park, Point Defiance Park, Portland Ave Demo, and Tacoma Nature Center.

- Debbie explained project selection is based on 10 prioritization criteria and will focus on neighborhood parks in the upcoming biennium. She noted the delicate balance between infrastructure needs and community equity, highlighting Tacoma's south and eastside neighborhood parks. She asked for any project suggestions because time ran out during the recent Board CIP study session.
 - Commissioner Pointer recommended making sure projects are safe for the community and that we can adequately maintain any new structures.
- A final list of proposed CIP projects will be presented to the Board in October.
- Marty concluded the presentation, noting more details will be presented over the next couple months as proposed sites and projects are fine tuned.
- Commissioner Pointer asked about the Headquarters' Remodel project status. Roger reported we are currently securing the contract with the vendor. Once signed, work can begin most likely after Labor Day.
- Commissioner Pointer asked about Portland Avenues' wading pool demo. He added that the planned replacement spray ground will mean a lot to the community, noting the importance of equity in the different parts of Tacoma.
- Commissioner Pointer noticed three homeless tents at Peoples Park. He asked who will enforce the no tent rule, the City of Tacoma. Marty indicated that ongoing enforcement always a challenge, made more difficult due to reductions in staffing and resources impacting a number of agencies including Metro Parks and City of Tacoma. Marty will let MPT parks staff know about the mentioned tent violation.

Meeting Adjourned