



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

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

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Baines (absent)
Staff Support: **Marty Stump**, Planning Deputy Director - Planning & Development Department; **Kristi Evans**, Capital Program Manager – Community & Neighborhood Parks; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the October 27, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Project Status

N/A

Discussion Items

N/A

Action Items

Owen Beach Park Improvements, Accepting and Appropriating \$1,050,000 from Tacoma Public Schools

- Marty reported this resolution accepts and appropriates \$1,050,000 from the Tacoma Public Schools (TPS) 2020 Bond Program for the Owen Beach Park Improvements (Pavilion) Construction and authorizes Metro Parks to enter into an agreement with TPS for this funding.
- These funds will provide for the completion of a fully enclosed, multi-use pavilion building, a structure that would otherwise be limited to an open air picnic shelter if funding limited to that provided by MPT's current budget.
- Marty explained that as the project moved into the design phase, both Metro Parks and TPS saw the benefits of an enclosed building. It was also reported that TPS had earmarked \$5M for improvements to the Science and Math Institute (SAMI) program at Point Defiance Park. In addition to Owen Beach, TPS has also shown interested in a possible marine lab at the Point Defiance's Marina Boathouse, along with improvements at the current SAMI portable location.
- Kristi reported this project is currently out for bid, with opening set for December 11th. Along with the new enclosed pavilion building, this project includes a new restroom building, renovated kayak rental bath house and picnic shelter, outdoor plaza space, ADA walkways,

improved beach accessibility and non-motorized craft launch, children's play area, parking improvements with drop off zone, and new landscaping.

- Marty showed design renderings of the project, noting the new restroom and pavilion building locations. He added that food service will be relocated from the old building to the new pavilion building. Owen Beach parking will be closed during construction, however people will be able to walk down to the beach. There will also be a modest reduction in revenue due to picnic reservations on hold during construction.
- Commissioner Pointer like the pavilion building design, noting that when SAMI isn't in session, it can be used by the public for special occasions.
- Commissioner Pointer asked when the project will start. Kristi reported if approved by the Board at their first meeting in January 2020, the project could get started the first of February. She added this is a year-long project.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Rejection of Bids for W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory Rehabilitation, Bid J2020-13

- This resolution rejects the bids received for the W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory Rehabilitation project. Kristi explained two responsive bids were received. Metro Parks was surprised that both were substantially over the architects estimated budget, noting the lowest base bid exceeded the project budget by over \$902,580.
- Commissioner Pointer asked why the bids were so high. Kristi reported talking to both bidders and couldn't pinpoint just one item. However, they did mention COVID19's impact on procurement of necessary sealant and staffing limitations while work in a small building.
- Kristi explained because this project includes a Heritage Grant, we had to inform them of this rejection and ultimate project delay. They agreed to let us repackage the project, removing some of the items to reduce costs.
- The project will be re-bid early next year. It will include all the critical elements, however to reduce costs the building façade will not be included. This work can be done in the future.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Meeting Adjourned