



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Erik Hanberg, President  
Andrea Smith, Clerk  
Aaron Pointer  
Jessie Baines  
Tim Reid

**IN THE CHAIR:** Erik Hanberg

**PLACE:** Remote call in meeting

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Park District Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Hanberg at 6:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** EMPLOYEE RETIREE RECOGNITION

Board Members and staff recognized retiring parks staff member Tom Balaban. Mr. Balaban is retiring after 35 years. Mr. Balaban was introduced and spoke fondly of his memories with the District.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Hanberg commented positively on the recent on-line Zoo Volunteer recognition event.

**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Greater Metro Parks Foundation

Commissioner Smith commented that she attended the most recent meeting where Teri Moore was named the new Executive Director of the foundation.

Nature & Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented he attend the council's February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The council discussed the Owen Beach project, & Norpoint warming center. The council is planning a future site visit to Ruston Way to look at the erosion impacts to parks in that area.

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Baines noted that at that meeting the committee was briefed on the collaborative project they are working as well as CEO quarterly updates. The committee's next meeting in March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- The CIC scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> is canceled

- In follow up to Commissioner Pointer’s question at the last CIC meeting about vaccine sites at MPT facilities: TPCHD plans to host a vaccination clinic on February 27th (1st vaccine) and March 27th (2nd vaccine) at the STAR Center.
- Staff will be preparing centers in March planning to reopen for limited operations sometime in April in compliance with all COVID restrictions and safety protocols

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Written comments were received by Sally Perkins in support of R19-21.

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed on a vote of 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. C15-21:** PDZA MECHANICAL UPGRADES FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF TMEC, LLC. CONTRACT #2019181Z/ BID NO. J2019-17

**RESOLUTION NO. C16-21:** PDZA FILTRATION IMPROVEMENTS FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL MECHANICAL, INC. CONTRACT #2019187Z/ BID NO. J2019-18

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed on a vote of 5-0.

**PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. P17-21:** AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. TOURNESOL SITEWORKS FOR SITE FURNISHINGS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$83,000
2. SEATTLE’S FINEST SECURITY & TRAFFIC CONTROL CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1 FOR SCOPE B SECURITY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000

Commissioner Pointer moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Marina Becker commented on item 1 for Tournesol noting that this purchase enhances the improvements already performed/planned for a number of parks by replacing all of the picnic tables and benches with MPT standard steel surface mount furniture including new recycled plastic slats. This site furniture will be placed at the following parks: Cloverdale, Sawyer, Wapato Hills, Oakland/Madrona and Ryan’s.

Ms. Becker noted that Tournesol Siteworks is the manufacturer of and sole source for the MPT standard site furnishings. Metro Parks desires uniformity in the parks for efficiency in maintenance and repairs and to enhance appearance. These products are unique to Tournesol, there are no other manufacturers of these site furnishings that meet the MPT standard.

Board members requested a future update on the work performed by the Park Equity emphasis team.

Related to item 2, Marina Becker commented that a request for bids was advertised on October 16, 2020 and October 23, 2020 and the District received four proposals. A panel comprised of staff from Parks & Recreation and ZEED independently reviewed the proposals and ranked all four that were received. The proposals contained two scopes of service, Scope A for PDZA and Scope B for Parks & Recreation. Seattle’s Finest was ranked as number one by reviewers based on their experience in similar facilities of size and type, their pricing, electronic monitoring technology, and the resumes of their key employees.

Staff further commented that this amendment # 1 is for Scope B which covers the security needs for the Parks and Recreation Department. Service encompasses security officers patrolling and securing parks and facilities district wide including guard services as needed.

Staff commented that security will not be armed in MPT parks and facilities.

Being no additional comments, the question was called, and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS** None

**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R18-21: APPROVING TWO EASEMENTS FROM CITY OF TACOMA AT MELANIE LA PLANT DRESSSEL PARK FOR THE ABILITY TO INSTALL, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, INSPECT, MAINTAIN, REMOVE, REPAIR OR REPLACE EASEMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

Commissioner Pointer moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Debbie Terwillegger commented that in order to make planned park improvements, two easements are needed to be requested from the City of Tacoma on property abutting the north property boundary of Melanie La Plant Dressel Park. This request is to provide a non-exclusive perpetual easement to install, construct, operate, inspect, maintain, remove, repair, and replace park and sewer system improvements. A site map was then reviewed with the Board.

Being no additional comments, the question was called, and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. R19-21: RENAMING OF FRANKLIN PARK TO SENATOR ROSA FRANKLIN PARK**

Commissioner Pointer moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Shon Sylvia commented that this resolution is being brought forward in response to a Board request to consider renaming Franklin Park in honor of Senator Rosa Franklin. Mr. Sylvia commented on the ways Senator Franklin supported the District during the building of the STAR Center.

Commissioner Baines commented on the efforts of Senator Franklin related to racial equity in the Tacoma community. He noted she was the first African American to serve in the WA State Senate. Commissioner Baines further commented on the Senator’s work in the areas of affordable housing, healthcare reform, education & environmental equity.

Commissioner Pointer commented that he is honored to be naming a park after a black female that has contributed so much to the local community. He also commented that he is honored to be renaming the park during Black History Month.

Commissioner Reid commented that Senator Franklin is very deserving of this honor.

Commissioner Smith commented on her fondness for Franklin Park as she grew up visiting that park with her family.

Commissioner Hanberg commented that this park is in his neighborhood and that he excited about the renaming and the story of Senator Franklin.

Senator Franklin was then introduced and thanked the Board and the District for the honor of the park naming. She spoke of her long-time support of parks in Tacoma.

Janet Primomo spoke in support of the park renaming. Ms. Primomo commented on how she has inspired by Senator Franklin’s work for health communities. She noted that there is biography of Senator Franklin available through the state legislature.

Trevor Kagochi spoke in support of this resolution and noted his appreciation for the work of Senator Franklin. He noted that being able to visit a local park that honors a local hero is something he is grateful for.

Rosa Franklin, granddaughter of Senator Rosa Franklin noted that her grandmother has inspired her, and she is proud to be following in her footsteps. She stated she is looking forward to coming to visit the park this summer.

Tamiko Nimura stated she had the privilege of writing Senator Franklin’s Biography. Ms. Nimura stated that she is so happy for this opportunity to honor the Senator.

Being no additional comments, the question was called, and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. RR14-21: ADOPTING REVISED DISTRICT FAMILIES FIRST CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE ACT POLICY**

This resolution was moved and seconded at the February 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Being no additional comments, the question was called, and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

President Hanberg commented on all the usage the parks got during the snow fall last weekend.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

In accordance with RCW 42.30.110 the Board recessed into executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss a personnel matter.

**ADJOURN:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary