



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 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 RETIREMENT RECOGNITION**

Parks Employee, Stan carter was recognized and thanked by the Board and staff on the occasion of his upcoming retirement from MPT. Mr. Carter has been an employee of the District for 39 years.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT None**

**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Arts & Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Smith commented that she attended the committee's last meeting. The meeting agenda consisted of reviewing items for the committee's 2021 work plan.

Join Municipal Action Committee

Commissioners Smith and Baines commented that JMAC met last Friday. The committee discussed the recent survey taken my JMAC members and CEOs that will be used to inform coordinated items and plans for the JMAC to take on.

Business & Responsive Agency Advisory Council

Commissioner Baines commented that the council met on March 9<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting members received a budget presentation from Erwin Vidallon.

Nature & Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented that the council received a presentation from Joseph Holbert regarding Red Cedar trees. The council also disused work plans and site visits for 2021.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- As we the county moves into Phase 3 the District is knee deep in recruiting, interviewing and hiring for several positions necessary to provide programming, reopen community centers and pools, and to meet the increased demand for park maintenance due to high visitation. The District is planning to reopen centers and indoor pools in April. Staff will bring back additional details at the next Board meeting.
- The Tacoma Pierce County Health Department will be conducting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose Vaccination event at STAR Center on Saturday, March 27 for 1,700 vaccinations to the same group that was vaccinated on February 27. This event is not open to the public and is by appointment only through TPCHD.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Sally Perkins commented that she was pleased with the Board’s conversation at their March 5<sup>th</sup> retreat regarding the need for MPT job criteria more flexible when a person has a criminal record. She stated that practices that are more flexible will increase the pool of candidates from communities of color. Ms. Perkins followed by stating that Metro Parks must play a role in addressing systemic racism as it relates to hiring practices and other practices in the community.

Trevor Kagochi commented on the opportunities that Metro Parks has to support people of color in the Tacoma community. He noted that he is supportive hiring practices reform, shifts in funding to allow for more accessibility for all tax payers to use MPT services, further addressing changes to polies and practices, and increasing work with other government partners to further address systemic racism in Tacoma.

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 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** None

**PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION NO. P26-21: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA**

1. WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES FOR (4) VEHICLES, TRUCKS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000.00
2. JENNINGS EQUIPMENT FOR (2) KUBOTA M6060HD TRACTORS, (1) KUBOTA F2690E (1) KUBOTA RTV X900 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000.00
3. USA SEALING, INC. FOR (4) COMMERCIAL TENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.00
4. LAMAR ADVERTISING FOR BILLBOARD ADVERTISING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 (ZEED) FOR 2021

5. MERLINO MEDIA GROUP FOR MEDIA BUYING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$680,000 (ZEED) FOR 2021 & \$60,000 (P&R) FOR 2021

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Marina Becker state that items 1 & 2 are for vehicles and equipment. She also commented that item 4 will be for four tents that will be used for outdoor programming.

Commissioner Smith inquired about local vendors for tents. Staff commented that five bids were received but local bids came in at a much higher price.

Alan Varsik commented that item 5 is for billboard advertising. Mr. Varsik stated that Lamar Adverting has the largest inventory of billboards in the South Sound area. In addition, Mr. Varsik commented that item 5 for Merlino Media provides media buying service for MPT. He noted that this is the final year for the second two-year extension of this contract.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. PW27-21: SEYMOUR CONSERVATORY REHABILITATION BID#: J2021-01 CONTRACT AWARD TO PEASE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Mary Stump reminded the Board that this project was rebid as result of bids came into high a couple of months ago. Mr. Stump noted this resolution authorizes the contract award to Pease Construction in the amount not to exceed \$2,152,206.00, including Washington State Sales Tax for the base bid and alternate #1.

Kristi Evans that additional funding will need to be secured to address other improvements as identified in the master plan including the facade, down stairs meeting space & entry and dome.

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

**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS** None

**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Baines & Reid commented that they would like to find a way to provide more opportunities for local bidders.

Commissioner Smith acknowledged staff that will be presenting at the WRPA conference in April. She requested that their presentations be brought before the board at a future date as well.

**ADJOURN:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary