



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MAY 24, 2021**

PRESENT:

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

IN THE CHAIR: Erik Hanberg

PLACE: Remote call in meeting

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

DISTRICT AUGMENTED REALITY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Michele Cardinaux, supervisor at the Tacoma Nature Center was in attendance to share information about the Agents of Discovery augmented reality program that allows for the community to use technology to teach them about the world around them. Ms. Cardinaux explained that the goal is to integrate gaming & education and use AR to provide educators with a platform that encourages learners to engage, interact, move and play.

She noted that augmented reality is an interactive experience of a real-world environment where the objects that reside in the real world are enhanced by computer-generated perceptual information. The Board was informed that Agents of Discovery is an educational mobile gaming platform that uses augmented reality, geofencing and image recognition to get players active. It empowers educators and managers of public spaces to link location to learning and create engaging, fun and safe learning environments on-site or at-home. The platform is being used by federal agencies, state parks, museums, county parks and municipalities across the country. Staff commented that there are even missions in other countries like Canada and Australia.

Ms. Cardinaux noted that the Tacoma Nature Center has been using the platform for about 4 years and it has now been expanded to include 3 additional parks in the District. She continued by discussing the other ways that Agents of Discovery could be used to provide virtual tours, special event engagement and play at home. This program is budgeted to continue through 2022.

President Hanberg commented that he has used the program with his family and really likes this project.

Board members recognized Ms. Cardinaux for sharing this presentation in depth at the WRPA conference in April.

PRESIDENTS REPORT None

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**Nature & Environment Advisory Council**

Commissioner Reid commented that the council met on May 11th. At the meeting staff gave an overview of the community center pricing model being implemented. Planning staff also gave an update on the Dickman Mill project.

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Smith stated that JMAC met on May 14th. She noted the committee continued conversation around leadership roles as it relates JEDI, Healthy & Safety, and Community Wealth Building.

Cultural & Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Smith reported that the council met on May 19th. The council received an update on the current public are projects. The council is planning to hold its next meeting on site at Dickman Mill.

Business & Responsive Agency Advisory Council

Commissioner Baines commented that the council met on May 11th. At that meeting the council received an update on the community center pricing model.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- On May 20, the Portland Avenue Community Center Fire remediation was declared an emergency. Executive Director Sylvia commented that an email notice was sent to the Board prior to the meeting indicating the contract for fire remediation was awarded to ServiceMaster in the amount of \$ 62,773.66
- The Tacoma Historic Preservation Commission will hold The Historic Preservation Awards presentation virtually at 6:00 pm on May 28, 2021 via Zoom. Fort Nisqually Events Coordinator, Elizabeth Rudrud, will receive the 2021 Award for Innovation in Preservation and Outreach, for her outstanding efforts in transitioning the Fort Nisqually Living History Museum's education and outreach program from in-person to virtual platforming with the Fort From Home program. Also Fort Nisqually will receive the 2021 Award for Broadening Horizons in Preservation for the 2021 virtual event, "Puget Sound Treaty War Panel."
- The following new aquatics employees were introduced: Stephanie Rendina, Monica Jadwin, Rachel Rendina & Brian Vaughn
- The project to install a salmon rearing pen at the Point Defiance Marina has received its permit Mr. Sylvia reminded the Board that the pen is a collaborative project between Metro Parks, the Science and Math Institute, the Puyallup Tribe and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Shortly, this pen will be installed and receive 56,000 chinook salmon which will be grown and released to the wild, this will have an immediate impact on food availability for orca and our local fishermen. SAMI students are already engaged in this unique educational experience.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS None**MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 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. C40-21: APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE ACTIVE LIFESTYLES & COMMUNITY WELLNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. C41-21: APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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. P42-21: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. JAYRAY FOR BRAND DEVELOPMENT AND CREATIVE DESIGN ESTIMATED AT \$90,000

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

Sandra Eliason commented that this resolution will allow for collaborative communication and marketing campaign for the Whole Child Partnership.

Commissioner Baines stated he is excited about seeing the next phase of this partnership. Commissioner Smith expressed that she is pleased staff is using a local firm for this work.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS:

President Hanberg recognized and thanked newly appointed advisory council members.

Commissioner Reid expressed a need to get a tenant for or repurpose the Portland Avenue Community Center.

Commissioner Baines requested that keep an extra eye on maintenance as the summer approaches and parks are getting more use.

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary