



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

**February 10, 2021
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Baines
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 January 13, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Project Status Report

- Commissioner Pointer asked about any other Metro Park's vaccination sites, noting STAR Center's February 20th vaccination. Marty report he doesn't know of any, but will check with leadership tomorrow. Commissioner Pointer noted there is a disparity in vaccination levels within minority communities and hopes Metro Parks considers hosting vaccinations at other sites, mentioning Peoples Center.

Discussion Items

N/A

Action Item

Approving Two Easements from City of Tacoma for the Development of Melanie La Plant Dressel Park, for the Ability to Install, Construct, Operate, Inspect, Maintain, Remove, Repair or Replace the Easement Improvements.

- This resolution grants two easements (A&B) to Metro Parks Tacoma at Melanie La Plant Dressel Park from the City of Tacoma.
- In 2020 Metro Parks acquired property on the Thea Foss Waterway from the City of Tacoma for the development of Melanie La Plant Dressel Park. In order to make planned park improvements, these two easements were needed to be requested from the City of Tacoma on property abutting the north property boundary of the new park.
- Easement A will enable improvements on City of Tacoma owned property for 20 feet north of the park property boundary, Easement B will accommodate the restroom's sewer connection. A graphic showing the location of the two easements was shared. It was noted there would be no financial costs to MPT for either of these two easements.
- This work should minimally impact the site and the City will provide routine operation and maintenance on the sewer under the terms of this agreement.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if there were other plans for this easement property. Kristi said no, improvements on this 20' strip will mainly be just landscaping with access trail.

- Both commissioners appreciated that no funds will be exchanged for the land, noting it's a "win win" for both sides.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Additional Topics

- The Dickman Mill Headsaw project is moving forward.
- There was a discussion on the Owen Beach project starting in just over one week.
 - Commissioner Pointer asked the park's closure date. Marty reported it will be closed starting February 22. He added the project is expected to be completed and open back up to the public summer of 2022.
 - Commissioner Baines mentioned hearing public concerns regarding this project and the one-year closure during a pandemic.
 - Marty commended Metro Park's Communications team for getting correct information about the project out to the public. He added that things have calmed down now that there is a better understanding of the project.
 - Kristi added that the Promenade and stairs to the beach will remain open during the project. Both Commissioners liked that these would remain open.
 - Commissioner Pointer asked if there are any issues with the Tacoma Public School's portion of the project. Marty said no. Metro Parks met with them last week and SAMi students are really interested in the project and wanted to do a story on it
 - Kristi concluded that in addition, she has been meeting with the Puyallup Tribe to make sure they are kept current with the project.

Meeting Adjourned