



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JULY 26, 2021**

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED: Jessie Baines, Jr.

IN THE CHAIR: Erik Hanberg

PLACE: Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters

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

Marty Stump provided the Board with a second quarter 2021 Capital Projects update. He explained focus is on continuation of projects in progress, Neighborhood & Community Parks in priority areas, and critical infrastructure, planning and leveraged projects. He explained that Metro Park's 2-year CIP has a \$50M spending plan. It includes 85 projects at 60 site specific locations and 15 program funding sources. There are roughly 50 active projects, 25 in construction and 25 are in the planning/design phase.

Mr. Stump reported six projects were completed in second quarter including PDZA Filtration Systems Improvements, PDZA PSA Discharge Treatment Improvements, Meadow Park Golf Course Driving Range Net Replacement, MPT Headquarters Facility Upgrades, Eastside Community Center Mural, and Center at Norpoint Locker Replacements.

Projects currently in construction or design/permitting are happening at Swan Creek Park, Point Defiance Park, WW Seymour Conservatory, NW Trek, Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Browns Point Playfield, Eastside Community Center, Gas Station Park, Jennie Reed and Stafford, Titlow Park, Fort Nisqually, Melanie's Park at Foss Waterway, Pt. Defiance Park Marina, Tacoma Nature Center Building, and Portland Ave Park.

Commissioner Reid asked about Dash Point Park. He thanked Mr. Stump for his email on Friday announcing the pier's closure but wanted more specifics. Mr. Stump explained that Friday's email was simply meant to alert the Board of the pier's closure. He reported the engineering assessment will provide us with more specifics, but there is evidence of structural deterioration of the concrete and steel.

Commissioner Reid asked if we have considered closing half the pier so the community can utilize the other portion. Marty Stump reported that the District is open to explore this option once the full engineering assessment is complete. He added that a partial closure would have operational implications and perhaps require the addition of compliance monitoring by staff.

PRESIDENTS REPORT None

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Arts & Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Smith reported the Arts & Heritage Council met at Swan Creek and members were impressed with the new structures.

Active Lifestyles & Community Wellness

Commissioner Pointer reported the Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Council met at Owen Beach to tour planned site improvements. He noted he was excited about the new playground slide.

Nature & Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid reported the Nature and Environment Council met at Titlow Park to discuss site improvements. He thanked Marty Stump for the excellent reporting on the project’s details and process.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Shon Sylvia introduced Senator Rosa Franklin. Senator Franklin reported that she was honored by the recent renaming of the Senator Rosa Franklin Park. She added how important this park was to her as a child and to the current community. Commissioner Reid thank her for her service to Metro Parks and the community over the years.
- Shon Sylvia introduced Joe Brady who welcomed three new full-time employees: April Trujillo, Eric Shanstrom, and Stanley “Conner” Wiley.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Gabriela Oliva first thank Metro Parks for its work in the community, stating she didn’t realize MPT managed so many projects, parks and issues She reported that the neighborhood surrounding Dash Point Park is frustrated with its current condition. She stated that the public demand at the park far exceeds the capacity of the facility. She highlighted insufficient parking and how the neighborhood has had to take an active role in cleaning up the site. She added that the history of public misbehavior has also diminished the quality of life for local residents. She asked that Metro Parks respond to increased operational demands at the site. She added they are engaging with other Pierce County representatives to help resolve this issue.

Jim West submitted a written comment requesting weekly updates on the status of the Dash Point Pier.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed on a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Baines being excused).

CONSENT AGENDA None

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. PW50-21: INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PEOPLES PARK ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF TACOMA LINKS TO OPPORTUNITY STREETScape PROJECT**

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

Staff explained this resolution authorizes \$20,000 for the construction of pavement improvements within People's Park to transition to the right-of-way sidewalk improvements being constructed by the City of Tacoma's Links to Opportunity Streetscape Project along MLK Jr. Way and adjoining streets.

Commissioner Hanberg asked why this was being brought before the Board. Mr. Stump explained that even though this is an authorization of only a modest spending amount and one that is below the Board's purchasing requirement threshold, Board authorization is needed to authorize the Executive Director to enter into the interlocal agreement.

Being no additional comments, the question was called, and the resolution passed on a vote of 4 – 0 (Commissioner Baines being excused).

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS None**RESOLUTION NO R51-21: ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES GRANT: SUMMER EXPERIENCES & ENRICHMENT FOR KIDS FUND (SEEK FUND) A PROGRAM OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (OSPI) FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA (MPT) RUN SUMMER CAMPS AND SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM OFFERED TO CHILDREN AND TEENS WITH DISABILITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT**

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

Mark Knowlden stated that these funds will provide youth camps for children and teens with disabilities and low-income children and teens experiencing homelessness in collaboration with Tacoma Public Schools.

Commissioner Reid commented that he likes the programming but stated he would have liked it to be enacted earlier this summer to allow for increased promotion/marketing.

Commissioner Smith asked about the number of youth expected to participate in this program. Mark Knowlden stated he didn't know but will find out and report back to the Board. Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented that he thought the participation level around 40.

Commissioner Hanberg asked how this program differs from the other program the District is hosting with Pierce County. Executive Director, Shon Sylvia reported the Pierce County program services the adult population, this will service the youth.

Being no additional comments, the question was called, and the resolution passed on a vote of 4 – 0 (Commissioner Baines being excused).

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS None

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary