



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 23, 2021**

PRESENT:

Erik Hanberg, President
Andrea Smith, Clerk
Tim Reid
Jessie Baines, Jr.

EXCUSED: Aaron Pointer

IN THE CHAIR: Erik Hanberg

PLACE: Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters and via ZOOM

REGULAR MEETING

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

It was moved and seconded that Commissioner Pointer be excused from the meeting and passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Commissioner Hanberg noted that the Board held its mid-year retreat last Friday. Agenda items included: capital planning discussions, board & community priorities, and ZEED visioning session with ZOO Advisors, as well as hearing about the current JMAC work as it relates to the Summit of Sixty planning event.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Arts and Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Smith reported that at their last meeting the council received a public art update. The council was informed that the Billy Ray sculpture for ESCC is still currently at the foundry. The council also received a presentation from the MPT outreach & engagement team and were introduced to the District's new Chief Equity Officer, Norinda Rosario Yancey.

Nature & Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented that the council met on August 12th at Dickman Mill Park to view the new improvements and hear about the history of the mill. The council plans to hold its next meeting at Browns Point Lighthouse.

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Baines stated the committee met on August 13th. Commissioner Baines noted that the committee officially added the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department as JMAC members. He commented that the agenda included reviewing the asset mapping tool currently being developed. The committee also received a presentation from Shon Sylvia related to the

child care initiatives being worked on by multiple partners. Commissioner Smith added that the September meeting will include the agency CEOs, as the committee will be prepping for the Summit of Sixty event.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- GMPF Executive Director Teri Moore was introduced. Ms. Moore commented that this evening the Board will be accepting \$740,240.20 in contributions from the Foundation to support multiple Metro Parks Programs. Ms. Moore recognized the work of her Board in providing leadership for the foundation.
- The following new and promoted employees were introduced: Chrissy Martin, Chris Spaulding, Lindsay Sturn, Brittany Reed, Caitlin Harris, Noelle Tremonti, Michelle Yeider, Sabrina Brentin, Sheryl Russel, Ralph Thomas, Matthew Klonizhccii, Sang Nguyen. President Hanberg extended a welcome to all new employees.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS None

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C55-21: ACCEPTING \$740,724.20 IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GREATER METRO PARKS FOUNDATION FOR MULTIPLE METRO PARKS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

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

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P56-21: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. LIFE FITNESS FOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000
2. SIMON & COMPANY FOR FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR THE BIENNIUM
3. TK BENTLER PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR STATE LOBBYING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR THE BIENNIUM

Commissioner Smith moved to adopt the resolution seconded by Commissioner Reid. Hollie Rogge, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation commented that the Life Fitness purchase is for new exercise equipment for People’s Center, Norpoint and STAR Center. Ms. Rogge stated that Metro Parks Tacoma is a member with Sourcewell formally National Joint Power Alliance which allows the district to purchase directly with Life Fitness LLC as Sourcewell has done the RFP solicitation process for fitness equipment. Ms. Rogge commented that funds for the equipment were raised by the Greater Metro Parks Foundation.

Commissioner Hanberg inquired about past leased fitness equipment at these centers as well as information related to equipment that was purchased for Eastside Community Center. Ms. Rogge stated that she believes those leases are set to expire but will follow up and provide additional information to the Board.

Hunter George stated that after a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, staff recommend re-signing with Simon & Company to represent the District's interests on issues considered by Congress and the Federal government. The expected rate is approximately \$25,000 per year for two years, with options for extensions. It was noted that there were two bidders to the RFP. Mr. George commented that Simon is being chosen as they have a successful track record of work with municipalities and noted they also provide service to the City of Tacoma, Pierce Transit and the Tacoma School District.

In addition, Mr. George commented that after a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, staff recommend re-signing with TK Bentler Public and Government Affairs to represent the District's interests on issues considered by the Washington Legislature and State government agencies. The expected rate is approximately \$49,000 per year for two years, with options for extensions. There was one bidder for this contract.

Commissioner Hanberg inquired about the difference in the contract amount with the federal lobbyist as compared to the state lobbyist. Mr. George commented that the District uses a more intense level of service locally as well as direct contacts with the state than we do with the federal lobbying efforts in D.C.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS None

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Hanberg commented that Board will continue with hybrid meetings while continuing to follow health guidelines.

Commissioner Baines thanked the IT team for their work in making hybrid board meetings possible as it provides equitable access to those in the community.

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary