



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

PRESENT:

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

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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Hanberg thanked all in attendance for masking up.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Nature & Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented that the council met on September 14th at Swan Creek. The council toured the new improvements being made to the park.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Last week NW Trek received the Top Honors Exhibit Award for the Eagle Passage Exhibit at the annual AZA conference. The exhibit award is the highest accomplishment for exhibit design given by the AZA. This is the first time that Northwest Trek has won an exhibit award. The exhibit is a representation the work of the entire staff as Eagle Passage was a home grown concept, not the work of an architecture firm. And, importantly, it was made possible by the work of the Northwest Trek Foundation.
- Staff was pleased with the Summer Bash event held on September 4th. Sum total of visitors from Ruston Way, Point Ruston and at Dune was 33,000 – 35,000 visitors.
- The CIC scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th is canceled.
- Fort Nisqually Candle light tour is October 1 & 2nd , 6-10pm. Advance tickets are available to the public on—line
- The rededication and public celebration for the of the new and improved Browns Point Lighthouse is October 17th 2-4pm. This event is being hosted by the Points NE Historical Society.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Todd Sharon commented that he is interested in seeing the Never Never Land Figurines going to a museum of some kind and not being sold at auction. Mr. Sharon commented that he felt the public did not get ample public notice of the deaccessioning and sale of the figurines. He urged the Board to continue to look for a public space to showcase the figurines.

Cheri Solien sent her comments via email (*on file*) to the Board. Ms. Solien also made verbal comments remotely related to her written comments. Ms. Solien stated she is member of the West End Neighborhood Council and has been meeting with staff from the City of Tacoma’s Environmental Services Division. Ms. Solien spoke of three projects she would like Metro Parks to consider for Titlow Park: An art stenciling project where there would stencil attractive Prevent Storm Water Pollution messaging on pavement, additional doggy bag stations, write a Make a Splash Grant for up to \$4,000 to get new Titlow Park signage for helping to message storm water pollution and dog waste. Ms. Solien commented that the City has agreed to fund these projects.

Written comments (*on file*) were received from Alec Wrolson. Mr. Wrolson comments noted his concern for unsafe use of the Point Defiance Boat launch parking lot during late night hours. He encouraged the board to limit access and monitor the lot.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 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. C59-21: AUTHORIZING SURPLUS AND DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed on a vote of 5-0.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. PW62-21: POINT DEFIANCE MARINA COMPLEX PIER IMPROVEMENTS BID NO J2021-24, CONTRACT AWARD TO AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

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

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this bid was reviewed by the CIC. She noted that this is one of the elements in a series of improvements planned to occur at the Marina Complex. Ms. Terwilleger noted that this bid is exclusive to in-water portion of the project due to fish window restraints.

Staff commented that 3 responsive bids were received for the project.

Commissioner Pointer inquired about the range of bid amounts. Project Manager, Roger Stanton commented that staff does not have information from contractors on how they built their bids. Mr. Stanton did note that the bidder being selected does have their own equipment needed for the project and that could have been a reason their bid was lower than the others.

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

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Delia Flores introduced the following members of the Calavera Collective: Luis A. Garcia Deysi Martinez, Maria Teresa Gámez & Jacqueline Estrada. Ms. Flores informed the Board about the ongoing partnership with Calavera Collective to better engage with the Hispanic communities in Tacoma.

President Hanberg and Delia Flores then co-read, in Spanish and English a proclamation in honor of Hispanic Heritage month.

Luis Garcia thanked the Board for the ongoing partnership and opportunity to work with Metro Parks Tacoma. Deysi Martinez commented on the community service projects that Calavera Collective has undertaken through Metro Parks such as clean up days in Swan Creek Park. She noted that this year's event that they are sponsoring will also provide an opportunity for COVID vaccines.

Board members thanked the collective for attending and a group photo was taken.

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Baines spoke about his recent trip to Nashville to attend the NRPA national conference. He noted the great bike way-finding system in Nashville.

Commissioner Smith commented that she too attended NRPA. She commented that she attended a session on blending art and culture in communities. She noted that partnering with Groups like Calavera Collective is a great way to do more of that type of partnering in Tacoma.

President Hanberg requested that staff follow up with the community members that spoke about Never Never Land and Titlow Park projects.

He also stated he recently was in New York City and visited Little Island Park.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary