



**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 29, 2021**

PRESENT:

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

IN THE CHAIR: Erik Hanberg

PLACE: Remote Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Hanberg at 5:30pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

June 21, 2021 Minutes

Commissioner Pointer moved adoption of the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed on a vote of 5-0.

ASIA PACIFIC CULTURAL CENTER UPDATE

Debbie Terwilleger introduced Lua Pritchard, Executive Director of APCC, and Joel Ing of Edge Developers.

Ms. Pritchard thanked the Board for their on-going support of the APCC project over the past several years. She commented that the project has some new developments since she has last been in front of the Board.

Ms. Pritchard commented that the first phase of the development will include a new 15,000-18,000 s.f. community facility. She further noted that the proposed Cultural Center will feature the following:

- Gallery Space
- Tea Room
- Martial Arts/Dance Studio
- Cultural Display Space
- Performance Auditorium
- Classrooms

- Office Space
- Small Library
- Gift Shop
- Asian Pacific Garden Space

Ms. Pritchard described the following items that have occurred over the past year effecting the proposed center:

- Reduced project scope: no housing and cultural suites
- Metro Parks support letter and 20 year Lease
- Secured public and private funding

Ms. Pritchard also noted that in relationship to the Garry Oaks on site that no Garry Oaks will be removed with the new proposed APCC Development and that a full tree survey has been conducted and that no mature trees will be removed. In addition, the Board was informed that a cultural history review of site has occurred by City and State, and the new building will honor history of the site in design. Ms. Pritchard commented further that design and pre-permitting is currently with the City.

Within the scope of community outreach Ms. Pritchard commented that community benefits of the proposed project have been shared with the neighborhood council, South Tacoma Business District Association Board and membership, and the USO. She noted that the project was well received by the business district members but noted that that the neighborhood council has concerns about tree removal onsite. It was note that additional community & neighborhood outreach is planned in partnership with Metro Parks Tacoma.

Mr. Inga and Ms. Pritchard then presented a funding and budget table for the project. The table was reviewed noting that development uses is totaling at \$9.8 M with funding (both approved and committed) sources totaling \$9.8M.

Mr. Inga then showed several renderings of the proposed building and associated floor plans.

Ms. Pritchard then detailed the next steps with Metro Parks to move forward on the APCC proposal include the following:

- Execute MOU
- New Lease Agreement
- Community Outreach
- Design/construction
- Sequencing/coordination
- Operational continuity

The Board asked about the proposed timing of the project. Ms. Pritchard and Mr. Ing indicated the plan would be to begin construction in 2023 and to open the facility in 2025.

Board members asked about current operations while building is in progress. Ms. Pritchard commented that she is working on trying to identify temporary alternative locations.

OTHER

Commissioner Baines commend that this is his last COW meeting. He noted that the will continue to pay attention to the work happening at JMAC relative to policy that could change payment times for small contractors and using local suppliers for materials.

Commissioner Pointer requested that staff address the issue of cars being locked in Point Defiance Park once gates are closed.

President Hanberg commented that the information shared by APCC shared tonight should continue to be shared with the neighborhood and community.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Commissioner Hanberg adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by:
Jennifer Bowman, Secretary