



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 10, 2022**

PRESENT: Andrea Smith, President
Aaron Pointer, Clerk
Erik Hanberg
Tim Reid
Rosie Ayala

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: Hybrid Remote Meeting

COMMISSIONER SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Commissioner Andrea Smith administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Rosie Ayala.

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.

FINAL NOMINATIONS & VOTING FOR 2022 BOARD OFFICERS

At the December 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, Commissioner Reid nominated Commissioner Smith for the position of Board President, seconded by Commissioner Pointer. Being no additional nominations, the question was called, and Commissioner Smith was unanimously elected to the position of Board President.

At the December 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, Commissioner Reid nominated Commissioner Pointer for the position of Board Clerk, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Being no additional nominations, the question was called, and Commissioner Pointer was unanimously elected to the position of Board Clerk.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS PARK CHAMPIONS AWARD

The Board formally recognized Shalisa Hayes, Dr. Brian Joseph, Points Northeast Historical Society and First Tee South Puget Sound as the 2022 Parks Champion for outstanding contributions to Tacoma parks and zoos.

Each recipient thanked the Board for the honor.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Smith commented that due to COVID Omicron variant Park Board meetings will continue to be held remotely until further notice.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**Nature & Environment Advisory Council**

Commissioner Reid commented that at its December meeting the council received a JEDI update from the District's Chief Equity Officer, Norinda Rosario Yancey. He noted that the council also identified their 2022 work priorities as being: center programming, trails & trees, Green School Yards Program, Owens Beach & Swan Creek.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia reported on the following:

- Shon Sylvia officially welcomed new Commissioner Rosie Ayala
- The following new employees were introduced: Mary Murray & Maggie Santangelo
- Staff is requesting a January 18th Board COW meeting

2022 BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

President Smith made the following committee appointments for 2022:

- Capital Improvement Committee –Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Reid (Commissioner Smith- Alternate)
- Joint Municipal Action Committee – Commissioner Ayala, Commissioner Smith (Commissioner Reid Alternate)
- Zoo Liaison—Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Pointer (Commissioner Smith Alternate)
- MPT/TPS Coordinating Committee—Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Pointer (Commissioner Smith Alternate)
- MPT/COT Interlocal Policy Committee—Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Smith (Commissioner Reid Alternate)
- Pierce County Baseball Committee- Commissioner Pointer
- Greater Metro Parks Foundation – Commissioner Smith
- Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Advisory Council—Commissioner Pointer
- Nature and Environment Advisory Council—Commissioner Ayala
- Arts and Heritage Advisory Council—Commissioner Hanberg (Commissioner Ayala Alternate)
- Business and Responsive Agency Advisory Council—Commissioner Reid

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Tresa Evans commented that she was appreciative of the Board's remote format as an opportunity to make the meeting accessible to all.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA**RESOLUTION NO. C1-22:** APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR DECEMBER 2021

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

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. P2-22:** AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. PISCES SEAFOOD FOR VARIOUS SEAFOOD (ANIMAL FOOD) IN THE AMOUNT \$65,742.00
2. LAND O'LAKES PURINA FOR ANIMAL FEED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,000

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the resolution seconded by Commissioner Hanberg.

Alan Varsik commented that these items are both annual purchased for animal seafood and feed. He commented that NW Trek and the Zoo continue to use vendors who provide sustainable sourced seafood products.

Being no additional comments, the question was called, and the resolution passed on a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. PW3-22:** PDZA SOUTH PACIFIC AQUARIUM EXHIBIT REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SCHEMATA WORKSHOP

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the resolution seconded by Commissioner Hanberg.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this item was discussed at the December 15th CIC meeting. Ms. Terwilleger commented that Metro Parks continues to advance the design of the South Pacific Aquarium's main exhibit improvements. Based upon 35% Schematic Design, funding decisions were required to align scope and budget and to preserve key goals for the project. As a result, additional funds are now required for design and engineering of the shell & core of the New Coral Tank Exhibit.

Commissioner Hanberg inquired about the current status of the aquarium and its inhabitants. Alan Varsik commented that the tank is just about to be drained and all residents of the tank have been moved out.

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 None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Ayala expressed appreciation to District staff and Board for the warm welcome.

Board members welcomed Commissioner Ayala.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary