



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

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

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: Hybrid Remote Meeting

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Pointer read a proclamation into the record recognizing the collective advocacy of the community in Tacoma to advance significant Metro Parks Health and Wellness initiatives in areas of Tacoma where many Black members of our community reside. Tacoma's Black collective was recognized through the proclamation for their work in advancing shared priorities with the Park District. Black Collective members Wayne Williams & Lyle Quasim were both introduced and thanked the Board for the partnership with Metro Parks.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Smith commented that last week she had a successful meeting with the Puyallup Tribal Council. She commented that the Council is interested and excited about participating in planning for Portland Avenue Park.

**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Active Lifestyle & Community Wellness Advisory Council**

Commissioner Pointer noted that the council met on January 27<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting they elected officers for 2022 and discussed their annual work plan goals.

**Joint Municipal Action Committee ( JMAC)**

President Smith commented that at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting CEOs of each agency were present and presented how their agency's work be supporting the community wealth building work plan item as identified through JMAC electeds.

Nature & Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Ayala stated the group all attended the Advisory Council Summit earlier in the month. They will convene their individual council again in March.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Fort Nisqually Living History Museum and History Link have introduced The Indigenous Voices Podcast. The podcast uplifts tribal voices in the telling of Puget Sound history, sharing tribal knowledge and expertise with wider audiences. This podcast is generously supported by the City of Tacoma Historic Preservation Office and the Tacoma Arts Commission.
- Meadow Park Golf Course is leaning into environmental programming on top of running a very busy golf business. Meadow Park GC is hosting a joint project with the City of Tacoma and Tahoma Audubon to design, build and install 50 new bird boxes that will be installed at the golf course and Oaktree Park. Programming includes a box painting event for families and adults, and 47/50 spots are reserved.
- Due to some great February weather, Point Defiance Zoo experienced their busiest day in two years on Saturday, (our busiest February day since 2017), and Northwest Trek had its busiest February day since 2018.
- Staff is requesting that the CIC shift its February 16th meeting to Tuesday, February 22nd in order to accommodate some timing of some current projects.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS** None

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. C5-22:** APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR JANUARY 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. C6-22:** APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. C7-22:** APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE ACTIVE LIFESTYLE AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

**PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS** None

**PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS** None

**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R8-22: FUNDING A JOINT STAFF POSITION AT THE TACOMA/PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FOCUSED ON JOINT MATTERS RELATED TO ADVANCING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Sandra Eliason commented that at the Board’s Study session two weeks about she presented on this topic. Ms. Eliason stated that Metro Parks Tacoma and Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department share many goals related to achieving equity in our agencies and our practices in how we serve the community. She further stated that both organizations are committed to equitable service delivery, decision-making, and community engagement. Ms. Eliason continued by stating that, both agencies recognize that working collaboratively on engagement policies and system changes to accomplish these goals is efficient and cost effective.

Staff noted Metro Parks Tacoma and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department have jointly agreed that the most efficient pathway to achieving goals associated with collaborating across multiple agencies towards more equitable community engagement policies and practices is to formally dedicate staff to the effort. Staff indicated that this resolution would allow for a Project Manager position, housed at the health department will be shared by both the Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department and Metro Parks Tacoma.

Ms. Eliason stated that is anticipated that the District will contribute \$50,000 per year for a contract for service to implement engagement strategies, consultation, training, technical assistance, and tools to ensure community engagement best practices; ensure pro-equity decision-making is incorporated across Pierce County governments and agencies; and will provide leadership and direction to the Equity Action Collaborative (EAC) which currently includes the Department, the City of Tacoma and Metro Parks.

Commissioner Hanberg inquired as to the terms of the agreement. Ms. Eliason stated that this initial investment is for one year with hopes to renew the agreement annually with a goal to have the position become self-sustaining.

**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 6:25 p.m.

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President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary