



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 28, 2022**

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

EXCUSED: Rosie Ayala

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: MPT Headquarters, 4702 S 19th St. Tacoma WA

REGULAR MEETING

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

Commissioner Hanberg moved to excuse Commissioner Ayala; second by Commissioner Reid and passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Smith thanked and acknowledged the 12 years of service of Commissioner Hanberg on the event of his last board meeting. Commissioners Pointer and Reid thanked Commissioner Hanberg for all his years of work and commitment to the citizens of the District.

President Smith commented that over a dozen individuals have completed applications to fill the Park Board vacancy resulting from Commissioner Hanberg's resignation. She noted that an executive session will be held at the next Regular Park Board meeting on April 11th to discuss the qualifications of the potential candidates. Following that session, the names of the candidates will be released. Interviews of those candidates are planned for a Special Board Meeting on April 21st.

President Smith commented that she attended the Co-create to Recreate session held at People's Center noting there were about 50 people in attendance. She noted the next session will be held this Wednesday at ESCC at 6:30 pm and she encouraged the public to attend.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Active Lifestyle & Community Wellness

Commissioner Pointer commented that new council member Pete Reyes was introduced at the meeting. The committee met at the Conservatory and received a tour. It was noted that the committee also selected representatives from the council to assist with Park Board vacancy

interviews. Additionally, the committee discussed pickleball interest in the community. Next meeting will be April 28th via Zoom.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Commissioner Hanberg was officially thanked by the staff for his leadership and contributions since he has served as a Board Member.
- The playground safety surface projects at McCarver & Wright Park have been completed. Funding comes from the maintenance endowment from GMPF. SERA is slated to be done next.
- Alan Varsik introduced the following new ZEED employees: Courtney Ray, Jason Hunt & Branden Lambeth.
- Mark Knowlden showed a video highlighting all new parks & recreation staff that have recently joined the District.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Heidi Stephens addressed the Board about the TPU surplus lot on S. 45th St. Ms. Stephens commented that she would like to learn more about why this parcel of land was not acquired by MPT. She noted that this lot is treed on both sides is desperately needed by that community. She noted that acquiring that property would meet many goals including, tree and shade cover, and the 10-minute walk to a park goal. She asked for a staff contact so that she can follow up on how MPT can acquire and save this open space for residents in that area.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C19-22: AUTHORIZING SURPLUS AND DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. PW20-22: POINT DEFIANCE MARINA COMPLEX BOATHOUSE BUILDINGS UTILITY & FACILITY REPAIRS BID NO J2022-02, CONTRACT AWARD TO WESTMARK CONSTRUCTION, INC.

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

Debbie Russell indicated that a bid opening was held on March 7, 2022 and three responsive bids were received. Ms. Russell reminded the Board of the first phase of work done at the Boathouse which included in water work consisting of installing new piling, repairing damaged piling, and revising the capping on select piles.

Ms. Russell commented that the second phase of Marina complex work, which is reflected in the included bid # J2022-02, includes updates to the new boathouse building, the tackle shop, and to utilities under the complex. Staff commented that the scope of work includes re-decking the 2nd floor boathouse deck, replacing existing boathouse entryways, siding replacement at the tackle shop, painting the facility, and upgrading utilities under the deck of all the buildings in the complex. This second phase project is planned to be completed in 2022.

Being no additional comments, the question was called in the resolution passed on a vote of 4 to 0 (Commissioner Ayala being excused).

**RESOLUTION NO. PW21-22: NW TREK TRAM STATION PROJECT
LAKE TAPPS CONSTRUCTION – CHANGE ORDER NO. 4**

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

Debbie Russell commented that this resolution is required for the funding for Change Order # 4 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$44,458.44. She noted that this change order is being requested to account for additional changes to include fire alarm system installation, additional rebar, roadway grade adjustments, additional chain link fencing installed, propane power & raceway revisions and future gate power raceway.

Being no additional comments, the question was called in the resolution passed on a vote of 4 to 0 (Commissioner Ayala being excused).

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. R22-22: APPROVING GRANTING A TEMPORARY
CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT(A-1007) FROM METRO PARKS TACOMA TO CITY OF
TACOMA AT PEOPLE’S PARK**

Debbie Russell commented that this was reviewed by the CIC on March 16th. Ms. Russell further noted that the City of Tacoma would like Metro Parks Tacoma to grant a temporary construction easement to provide for the construction of streetscape improvements as part of their Links to Opportunity Project. She indicated The term of this temporary construction easement shall be for 27 months from March 2022 through June 2024 with market-researched compensation. The work will be to replace the sidewalks to bring them up to ADA compliance, add streetscape features and update the landscaping, trees and pedestrian lighting. The City of Tacoma is offering compensation in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the temporary easement.

Being no additional comments, the question was called in the resolution passed on a vote of 4 to 0 (Commissioner Ayala being excused).

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None**NEW BUSINESS** DISTRICT SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Debbie Russell began the presentation by reminding the Board of the sustainably goals and initiatives that are currently embedded through board policy including the 2018 District Strategic Plan, the 2022 ZEED Strategic Plan, The District Sustainability Plan, the planning and asset management district team charter, and the work that falls under the asset management and sustainability manager.

Erich Sachs, the District's asset and sustainability manager was then introduced. Mr. Sachs commented on many of the sustainability program accomplishments within the District's capital projects and environmental education including Dune Peninsula, Pacific Seas Aquarium, Owen Beach, NW Trek electric trams, Tilow Park Lagoon restoration, and Wildlife Champions school program. Within the ares of program accomplishments , Mr. Sachs noted CAPRA/AZA accreditation, MPT's engagement with the City of Tacoma 's climate action planning, the enterprise asset management system, pesticide free parks, electric vehicle charging stations, water conservation and the District's Urban Forestry Program.

Urban forester, Mark McDonough was then introduced to the Board. Mr. McDonough commented that tree canopy cover for Metro Parks Tacoma properties was 61% in 2017 this is up from 56% in 2011 and represents an annual increase of .75% , applying the growth rate over 19 years it is predicted that tree canopy cover will surpass the plan's goal of 66% by the year 2024, years ahead of schedule. Several maps with the overlay of the City's equity index showing tree coverage as examples where then shared with the Board. Staff also shared a table that indicated that number of trees planted in the geographic areas of the city since 2017. Mr. McDonough commented that there are many tree planting projects planned for 2022 including Alling Park, DeLong Park, Franklin Park, STAR Center, Fern Hill Park, & Jefferson Park. Staff then showcased Tree Plotter, an interactive on-line tool that tracks species and locations of trees.

Staff concluded the presentation by commenting on the plans moving forward which include reinforcing the City of Tacoma Climate Action Plan and urban forest management plan, continuing to strengthen partnerships, and bolstering the horticultural management program.

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Hanberg commented on growing up with the programs at MPT. He spoke of his time as a commissioner and thanked his family and the District.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary