



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MAY 9, 2022**

PRESENT: Andrea Smith, President
Aaron Pointer, Clerk
Tim Reid
Rosie Ayala
Michael Liang

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. President Smith called for a moment of silence in honor of Advisory Council Member, Preston Childs who passed suddenly last weekend.

COMMISSIONER SWEARING -IN

Newly appointed Commissioner Michael Liang was sworn into office.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Smith commented on the success of the Swan Creek Park Opening held last weekend.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Active Lifestyle & Community Wellness

Commissioner Pointer commented fondly on the memory of Preston Childs who served on this advisory council.

Commissioner Pointer commented that at last month's meeting the council met with community center supervisors Meagan Kula and Antonio Macklemore to learn more about center programming.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- New Commissioner Michael Liang was officially welcomed by staff
- Conservatory Grand re-opening celebration for the community Saturday, May 14th 12-6pm
- Midday today, the Point Defiance Marina was able to stock a series of recently permitted rearing pens for endangered Chinook salmon. This unique project is a collaboration

between Metro parks, The Tacoma School District (SAMI), Puyallup Tribe and the Northwest Salmon Research Institute.

- ZEED has received their first batch of about 40 Northern Leopard Frog eggs for this year over the weekend. This is their second year of the project partnering with WA State Dept of Fish & Wildlife, Oregon Zoo, WSU, and US Fish & Wildlife Service in efforts to increase the population which has been declining.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS None

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The April 25th minutes were amended to correct a typo.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C27-22: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR APRIL 2022

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

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P28-22: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. TOURNESOL SITEWORKS FOR PARK FURNITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000
2. PUGET SOUND INSTRUMENT FOR DIGITAL RADIO SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,859.48

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

Mark Knowlden stated that the Tournesol purchase will be used for District- wide park site furniture. He noted that uniformity in the parks for efficiency in maintenance and repairs as well as to ensure a consistent and professional appearance in all our parks and facilities is essential.

Alan Varsik commented that the Puget Sound Instrument item is for the purchase of equipment necessary to improve radio coverage at Point Defiance Zoo where dead zones in coverage exist such as repeaters and additional channels for communications. Mr. Varsik further commented that existing equipment being replaced is up to ten years old and at end of life. The Board was

also informed that included in the purchase are upgrades to staff radios to move Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium from an analog to a digital radio system which allows for the use of new emergency features greatly enhancing emergency preparedness on site.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. PW29-22: TITLOW PARK NORTH HIDDEN BEACH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CONTRACT AWARD FOR KPFF

Commissioner Pointer moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Ayala.

Debbie Russell commented that during the 2017 Titlow Park Master Plan Update, the existing North Hidden Beach Bridge was identified as needing to be replaced due to its structural integrity. She noted that the scope outlines the replacement to include vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian access, while also accounting for utilities to be run to connect any potential future development on North Hidden Beach with 6th avenue.

Ms. Russell stated that two firms submitted their statements of qualifications; KPFF was selected to complete Phase 1 of Preliminary Design/Schematic Design.

Commissioner Liang inquired about the integrity of the bridge. Ms. Russell indicated that there are structural issues and the bridge has been closed to vehicles.

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

RESOLUTION NO. PW30-22: TITLOW PARK LAGOON CULVERT REMOVAL & RAILROAD TRESTLE BRIDGE PROJECT, CONTRACT AWARD FOR ANCHOR QEA

Commissioner Pointer moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Ayala.

Debbie Russell commented that overall this project will provide for the design, permitting and construction for the new BNSF Railroad Trestle as a replacement for the existing culvert pipes that currently restrict the hydraulic connectivity of Titlow Lagoon from Puget Sound.

Additionally, she stated that this scope will identify the impact of the removal, and subsequent restoration needed for the lagoon, and ultimately the estuarian habitat.

Ms. Russell commented that funding for the current design phase is provided through a Washington State Department of Transportation grant.

Staff noted that QEA has a history of working on these types of complex projects including Dickman Mill Park.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. PW31-22: POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM
SOUTH PACIFIC AQUARIUM EXHIBIT IMPROVEMENTS BID NO.
J2022- 14, CONTRACT AWARD TO PEASE CONSTRUCTION**

Commissioner Pointer moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Ayala.

Debbie Russell commented that the South Pacific Aquarium’s main exhibit was constructed in 1989 and has never been drained. She further commented that the required repairs are routine in the aquarium industry and due mostly to the age of the 30-year-old aquarium and its continual operating use over that time. The Board was informed that this work will increase the lifespan of the aquarium exhibit itself and ensure that it continues to be a safe home for the animals who live there.

Fred Ramey commented that this project may take 12-14 months to complete, and the improvements are designed to extend the life of the aquarium for another 25 to 30 years.

Debbie Russell explained that the 1% of the arts portion of the project will go into the District’s Art fund.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. PW32-22: PORTLAND AVENUE PARK MASTER PLAN
CONTRACT AWARD TO BRUCE DEES & ASSOCIATES**

Commissioner Pointer moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Ayala.

Debbie Russell explained that this scope of work is intended to provide for a Master Plan with the potential for development designs for construction projects at Portland Avenue Park. Ms. Russell further stated that this effort is intended to provide broader context to concurrent efforts at this park location including: demolition and removal of obsolete site features including the existing wading pool, and program and facility planning for the former Portland Avenue Community Center through an RFP issued under a separate project.

It was further explained that the consultant team is to collaborate in an overall site master planning process, including participation in public outreach process, site programming and feasibility analysis, development of plan options, permit consultations and preparation of final Master Plan with probable cost including a phasing plan if required. Ms. Russell indicated that

this Master Plan will be used to help guide MPT in procuring grants and other forms of funding for future project implementation.

Discussion ensued related to the future use of the community center on the site. Staff indicated that the plan is to allow for the Asia Pacific Cultural Center to use the site for about 14-18 months while they construct their new center.

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

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS None

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Board members welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Liang. Commissioner Liang thanked his fellow commissioners and acknowledge the work done before him by Commissioner Hanberg.

President Smith commented on the recent loss of the zoo’s polar bear, Blizzard.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary