



**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
(VIRTUAL MEETING)**

**October 13, 2021
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Baines (absent)

Staff Support: **Debbie Terwilleger**, Director – Business, Administration and Planning; **Marty Stump**, Deputy Director - Planning and Development; **Kristi Evans**, Capital Program Manager, Community & Neighborhood Parks; **Claire Keller-Scholz**, Planning and Asset Management Administrator; **Rebecca Solverson**, COT Public Art Specialist; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Discussion Items

Dash Point Pier Conditions Assessment

- Marty led a discussion on the Dash Point Pier closure. He reported that on Sept. 24th we received the final engineering assessment report. It listed the pier in critical condition and recommended it remain closed to the public. The repair estimate is between \$2.5M - \$3M with a variety of options including tear down to pier replacement. We are currently researching additional funding sources, both state and federal.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if we have shared the report's findings with the public. Marty said not yet, first we need to present the report to the full Board. Kristi added that citizens have been asking why the pier is closed.

Artist Selection for Browns Point Playfield

- Claire and Rebecca reported that local artist Paige Pettibon was selected for the Browns Point Playfield Public Art project with a budget of \$30,000. Paige will create site-responsive public artwork that enhances the Browns Point Playfield with engagement from the local community. It was noted the selected artist participated in MPT's recent Public Art Reaching Community (PARC) Training program.
- Paige is a Northeast Tacoma native, with strong ties to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. Of the three submissions received, the selection panel unanimously selected Paige.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if Paige was the only person of color that applied. Rebecca reported that all three applicants were of color.
- The next step is getting the artist under contract.
- Commissioner Pointer asked about the art medium. Claire reported it is wide open right now, allowing the artist freedom to come up with an original design. She added that the preliminary

design will be presented at a future CIC, followed by the final design that will include selected materials.

- Rebecca concluded that that we are hoping to have the artwork installed by the end of 2022. She added the community is excited about moving forward with this new art piece.
- Marty added that Browns Point Playfield tennis courts are also being replaced, with a future playground and athletic field in the coming years, helping to energize the community.

Gas Station Park, City of Tacoma Property Transfer

- Debbie reported we are continuing work on the property transfer of Gas Station Park from COT into Metro Park's inventory. It was noted this project is being activated after being put on hold due to COVID 19. She said Tacoma's City Council will present this item at their next meeting. Once approved, a quick deed will be brought before their Board either at their Nov. 8th or 22nd meeting.
- It was noted that significant work has happened within the community resulting in the current schematic design. Next steps include:
 1. Continuing contract with designer to finalize plan and move into design
 2. Secure funding from Department of Commerce (\$504,700) and City of Tacoma (\$320,000)
 3. Completion of the COT to MPT property transfer
- Commission Pointer asked about other funding sources besides the Department of Commerce and City of Tacoma funds. Debbie reported Metro Parks has earmarked \$50,000 for the public process. She added because of the park's small footprint, the approximate budget of \$800,000 is a reasonable amount.

Action Items

Gas Station Park - Design Contract Amendment #1 to MacKay and Sposito

- This resolution authorizes contract Amendment No 1 to Mackay & Sposito for Gas Station Park in the amount of \$139,729.50, bringing the contract total to an amount not to exceed \$156,579.50.
- Gas Station Park is a park property owned by the City of Tacoma and currently is in the process of being transferred into Metro Park's inventory.
- Phase I of the project has now been completed with proposed site improvements to include new play structures, plaza pavement, landscaping, fencing, lawn area, signage and right of way reconstruction. MPT is now ready to move onto Phase II for the completion of final design documents. Construction should start in August or September of 2022 and last between 4 -6 months, dependent on weather conditions.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if this property falls under TERO regulations. Kristi reported no, it is outside TEROs jurisdiction.
- It was noted this park helps MPT fulfill its 10-minute walk level of service defined in the 2018 Strategic Master Plan Update.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Meeting Adjourned