



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

**August 25, 2021
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Baines (absent)

Staff Support: **Debbie Terwilleger**, Director – Business, Administration and Planning; **Kristi Evans**, Capital Program Manager, Community & Neighborhood Parks; **Chris Marfori/Wenaha Group** – Metro Park’s Project Consultant; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the July 24, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Discussion Items

N/A

Action Items

Contract Award - Point Defiance Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Improvements Project

- This resolution is being pulled from today’s agenda, Roger reported we received three bids, noting a previous attempt produced no bids. He explained that bids came in higher than expected. Because of this the project scope needs to be reviewed and additional funds identified. He added we don’t want to push the resolution through without everything being pulled together correctly.

**Portland Avenue Park Wading Pool & Restroom Demolition & Site Stabilization -
Rejection of Bids for Bid J2021-11**

- This resolution authorizes the rejection of the bids received for the Portland Avenue Park Wading Pool & Restroom Demolition & Site Stabilization.
- Kristi explained that although we received three responsive bids and the low bidder was within our budgeted scope we learned from the City of Tacoma this property is within tribal boundaries and falls under TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) regulations. A map was presented showing Portland Ave Park falls within Tacoma’s tribal boundaries.
- She added it will take us a while to fully understand TERO and how to be compliant. Once this happens, she recommends the new requirements will be included and the project be rebid.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if bidders know the reason for the rejection. Kristi said no, not yet. The Board will have to approve the resolution before we can let them know.
- Chris Marfori/Wenaha Group who has TERO experience explained the requirements help enforce utilization of native contractors or workers within tribal boundaries. Compliance is

broken down into three steps: compliance meeting to understand the program, filling out of compliance plan to meet requirements and hiring of tribal workers. They have their own roster to pull from. He added this is not a personnel mandate, but an attempt to meet a goal. And if not possible, they can give a waiver for an attempt.

- Commissioner Pointer noted this could be a very complicated topic. He asked if this is the first time we have run into this situation. It was explained that in the past TERO let smaller projects slide, but now they are taking a more proactive stance. Kristi added we have connected with their Compliance Officer for advice.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if this will possibly increase the project's cost. Kristi said it could because of the increased overhead.
- Debbie added a study session is being planned to talk about the park's future and a key discussion item is collaboration with the tribe, including the Tribal Council.
- It was pointed out the Dash Point Park project is coming up and also falls within tribal land.
- Commissioner Pointer added that he is supportive of creating jobs for Native Americans.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Additional Discussion Items

- Commissioner Pointer asked about the Owen Beach project. Kristi said it is moving forward nicely. She noted numerous concrete pours and building roof installations.

Meeting Adjourned