



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

**September 7, 2021  
5:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Baines (absent)

**Staff Support:** **Marty Stump**, Planning Deputy Director - Planning & Development Department; **Kristi Evans**, Capital Program Manager, Community & Neighborhood Parks; **Roger Stanton** – Capital Program Manager, Regional Parks & ZEED; **Hunter George**, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from the August 25, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

**Action Item**

**Point Defiance Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Improvements - Construction Contract Award**

- This resolution authorizes the contract award for the Point Defiance Sanitary Sewer Lift Station construction contract to Award Construction in the amount of \$529,384.85.
- Roger reported this is the most important infrastructure improvement at Point Defiance Park. He explained all park sewage goes through the this pump system that is decades old. This project will improve the station's operational redundancy and capacity. It was noted our maintenance staff is excited to be moving forward with this project, we'd like to have construction completed during off-peak season at the park.
- Commissioner Pointer noted this resolution was pulled from the last CIC agenda and asked if everything had been taken care of. Roger said yes, explaining we wanted to make sure staff had adequate time to review particular in regards to project accounting. Marty added this project has shared spending across different areas and the additional time allowed for the fine tuning of the funding details.
- Commissioner Pointer asked how long this project will take. Roger said the installation work won't take too long, around 1 month once begun. However, securing the equipment and supplies will most likely will have a long lead time, noting Covid 19 related impacts upon the supply chain.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

**Discussion Items**

**Sound Transit South Tacoma Station Improvements at SERA**

- Marty reported on the Sound Transit South Tacoma Sounder Station project and possible future access improvements throughout the neighborhood of SERA and STAR Center. He wanted the board to know we are active in those conversations should they see some public messaging from Sound Transit as they begin public outreach.
- Marty explained that originally Sound Transit planned on building a parking garage at the current station site to increase access to ridership. In a change to provide more equitable access, they are now including bus and bike connectivity and invited Metro Parks to discussions that could include using a portion of park property for shared surface parking. Marty added that enhanced parking is part of our SERA master plan, noting this might be a good funding opportunity that will benefit both Sound Transit and Metro Parks.
- He concluded that although this project is not slated for construction until around 2030, he didn't want commissioners to be surprised by hearing any conversations.

### **Dash Point Pier Conditions Assessment**

- Marty led a briefing on the Dash Point Pier Engineering Assessment. Hunter assisted in providing an update on the beginning of dialog with various elected officials and offices as it would pertain to future construction funding opportunities.
- It was reported the draft engineer assessment recommended closing the pier due to structural deterioration. The rating condition was rated Critical. It was noted there is a loss of structural integrity and that no one should be on that pier until such time repairs can be made.
- Marty explained that the pilings are in good shape, but above water line construction is suffering from saltwater corrosion. He noted we have several options - leave the piers and rebuild above water structures or a full replacement. He added that new science (climate resiliency) may also inform this decision. Replacement cost is estimated at \$2M or more, with funding not identified yet.
- Hunter added that Pierce County is interested in the project and would like to expand the scope to address current parking problems too. He has also been in touch with Federal legislative offices and will be researching a possible RCO grant options with the State of Washington.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if federal funding is a possibility. It was reported we previously applied but were turned down because the project wasn't "shovel ready." Once the designed plans have been firmed up our chance of federal funding will increase.
- Commissioner Pointer asked how long the pier will be closed. Marty estimated that it could easily be one or two years (or more) noting the marine permitting backlog. He stated we are moving as quickly as we can on this project, however we won't have public conversations until we have the final report (2 -3 weeks). He concluded that future conversations on the topic will be happen in the coming months.

### **Meeting Adjourned**