



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 27, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS PRIDE PROCLAMATION

Sandra Eliason made opening remarks in regard to Pride History and noted the welcoming Pride events being held in the Tacoma community.

Commissioner Liang then read a proclamation into the record proclaiming that the Board of Park Commissioners recognizes and honors the month of July 2022 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Tacoma, encourages all Tacomans to eliminate prejudice where it exists, and celebrates diversity by joining in this special observance of LGBTQ+ friends and neighbors.

Troy Christensen representing the Rainbow Center accepted that proclamation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith commented favorably on the Venardos Circus currently running at the STAR Center.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Business & Responsive Agency Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented that the council met on June 14th. Agenda items included a presentation on the District's budgeting process.

Active Lifestyles & Community Wellness Advisory Council

Commissioner Pointer noted that the council met on June 23rd. Council members received information about the ZEED Strategic Plan, aquatics programming, and Beyond the Bell program.

Arts & Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Liang stated that at the council’s last meeting, members heard about a new mural planned for the South Pacific Aquarium at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium. He stated that members of the council are planning a park heritage audit and are also recruiting new members.

Nature & Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Ayala reported that the council is looking to diversify its membership. She commented that at their June meeting the council was informed about the ZEED Strategic Plan.

Metro Parks Foundation

President Smith stated that Korsmo Construction’s annual golf tournament proceeds will benefit the foundation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Later this week staff will be sharing a list of highlighted topics with the Board with the intent to lay out a schedule for discussion this summer.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Curt Mehlhaff thanked staff for sending him the Five Mile Drive geo-tech report. He acknowledged the safety concerns held by the Board. Mr. Mehlhaff also commented that he hopes to see options discussed to promote public access to this area of Point Defiance Park.

Tresa McDonald Evans commented that she recently attended a Portland Avenue Community Group meeting and appreciated that Lua Pritchard, Executive Director of the Asia Pacific Cultural Center, was in attendance. She stated this community group is meeting at Eastside Community Center but would like to meet at Portland Avenue Community Center in the future.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C45-22: SOUTH END RECREATION & ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND RESURFACING # J2022-07 FINAL ACCEPTANCE TO PLAYCREATION, INC. SERVICES

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

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P46-22: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOOD AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. BUREAU VERITAS FOR ADA SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$330,000.00
2. AT&T FOR EQUIPMENT AND WIRELESS SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00 FOR 2022-2024

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

Marty Stump stated that in keeping with the requirements of the Department of Justice, Metro Parks will be updating its ADA Transition Plan. He noted that the District solicited for proposals to compile and implement a comprehensive ADA Transition Plan. It was noted that 2 proposals were received and that MPT has selected Bureau Veritas. Erich Sachs who will be managing the project noted that the self-evaluation and transition plan will include review of programs, services, buildings, parks, facilities, exterior amenities and paths of travel. Mr. Sachs noted that this work was slated for 2019 but was delayed due to COVID.

Commissioner Ayala inquired about prioritization of making improvements that are identified in the plan. Staff noted that the plan will address prioritization guidance, but cost and ability to make improvements are also issues the District will need to consider. Mr. Stump noted that working with the community will also help drive the priorities.

Commissioner Reid asked about previous transitions plans. Staff indicated that those will be reviewed as part of this new process.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS None

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R47-22: INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PECK FIELDS (STATE ST AND S 14TH ST) SIDEWALK PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF TACOMA STREET INITIATIVE PACKAGE #32

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

Marty Stump commented that this resolution will authorize the appropriation of up to \$125,000 for construction of sidewalk and ADA access improvements along the State Street and S. 14th St. frontages to Peck Field. This resolution will also authorize the executive director to enter into the necessary agreements with the city of Tacoma. Mr. Stump commented that under Streets Initiative Package #32, the City of Tacoma will be constructing a \$3.45M, 23-block street improvement project and has agreed to include sidewalk, curb and curb-ramp improvements along the Peck Field frontage along S. 14th St. and State St. Staff noted this package will provide for the following: demolition, excavation, construction of 575’ length of concrete sidewalk, concrete curb and gutter, pedestrian access ramps and crosswalks, landscaping, and signage.

Commissioner Ayala stated that she was pleased to see project collaboration opportunities with the City.

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

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. RR44-22: ACCEPTING THE ZEED STRATEGIC PLAN

This resolution was moved and seconded at the June 13th Regular Board meeting.

Alan Varsik noted that this presentation was also reviewed by advisory council members on June 14th and 22nd.

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

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Liang commented that he is pleased about the District’s accessibility commitment.

Commissioner Ayala wished the community a happy Pride Month.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary