



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 24, 2022**

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

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

EXCUSED: Aaron Pointer

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 6:00p.m. President Smith read a land acknowledgement.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Smith commented that she recently met with Senator Trudeau at the Tacoma Nature Center to discuss successful RCO grant projects. President Smith also noted last Thursday she met with Representative Kilmer and SAMI students at Owen Beach to discuss climate resiliency planning. President Smith noted that she also appeared on City Line last week to discuss the facts and information about the Levy Lid Lift.

**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Ayala commented that the October 14<sup>th</sup> JMAC agenda items included a conversation about Tacoma Public School's anti-racist policy and a review of the County's Equity Index.

Arts & Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Liang commented that the committee held its October meeting at the Eastside Community Center and toured the music studio to learn more about the arts opportunities being offered in that space.

Business & Responsive Agency Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented that at this month's meeting the agenda included a legislative update and a presentation & discussion related to youth athletics.

Nature & Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Ayala stated that council heard a staff presentation related to systems planning and plans for an upcoming community survey.

Commissioner Ayala made noted that she and other members of the Board attend the Advisory Council Budget Workshop held last week.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2022
- The following new employees were introduced: Emma Hamilton, Jorge Villamil, and Travis Thompson

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Abbie Shull submitted written comments encouraging the Park Board to consider establish a ne off-leash do area at Rosa Franklin Park.

Curt Mehlhaff commented that he is on the Vote No campaign for the Levy Lid Lift. He commented that the District has failed the 2018 audit with a major failure and 33 minor failures. Mr. Mehlhaff noted since he is writing the No statement for the voters pamphlet he needs to have reasonable awareness of the District’s finances and data. Mr. Mehlhaff asked that the District please get him additional information.

Bryan Krasovetz commented that he has been skateboarding for 20 years. He encouraged the board to find a park to accommodate a covered skateboard facility. He noted that the existing skateboard facilities in Tacoma need major improvement. He requested that the Board consider sanction a DIY skate park similar to Seattle Parks so that skateboarders might construct their own skateboarding facility.

Johnathan Wier commented that Tacoma lacks a quality facility for skateboarding and requested the Board consider a covered skateboard park and improved skateboarding facilities. Mr. Wier spoke to the work of Gridline Skateboard Design & Construction Company noting that they are a local firm building excellent skateboard facilities all over the country. Mr. Wier also commented on the positive impacts and outcomes of the sport including stress relief.

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Ayala moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Liang and passed on a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Pointer being excused).

**CONSENT AGENDA** None

**PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION NO. P89-22**: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS & SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. CENTRAL NEBRASKA PACKING FOR ANIMAL FOOD CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,738.89
2. NORTHWEST PUMP FOR FYBROC RECIRCULATING PUMPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,098.19

Commissioner Ayala moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Liang.

Sarah Oliver commented that Central Nebraska Packing is a change order to allow for additional funding for animal food purchases as the cost of products have increased.

Ms. Oliver then commented that the Northwest Pump purchase is to replace 30 year old failing pumps in the South Pacific Aquarium.

President Smith requested a bid-tab for this purchase.

Being no additional comments, the question was called, and the resolution passed on a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Pointer being excused).

**PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS** None**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS** None**SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS** None**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None**NEW BUSINESS** DISTRICT POLICY UPDATE

Debbie Russell commented that staff has been working through two polices that will be brought to the Board for additional discussion at the November 7<sup>th</sup> COW meeting and will eventually be brought forward for formal consideration at a future Board Meeting

Ms. Russell noted that the section X of the Comprehensive Financial Management Policy (100.001) is being reviewed to add language related to the accounting, audit and financial reporting of the District.

Eric Sachs was then introduced to highlight a new policy under consideration related to Storm Water Management. Mr. Sachs briefly spoke about storm water permitting and the requirements the District should be adhering to in order to comply with Department of Ecology regulations.

Additional dialogue about these two polices will be schedule for the November 7<sup>th</sup> COW meeting.

Commissioner Liang and Commissioner Ayala commented they are interested in reviewing some other District policies. President Smith indicated they should work with Executive Director Sylvia to begin identifying & addressing those policies.

Ms. Russell briefly described the process that staff goes through for policy review in order to keep things current and meet CAPRA standards.

Commissioner Liang also requested that staff look into posting all District policies to the District website.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Commissioner Liang thanked those community members that commented earlier in the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary