



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

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

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: MPT Headquarters, 4702 S. 19th St. Tacoma, WA

STUDY SESSION ASIA PACIFIC CULTURAL CENTER UPDATE

Joel Ing was introduced. Mr. Ing indicated that fundraising for the new Asia Pacific Cultural Center is going well noting just a small gap remains to be raised. Mr. Ing commented that the project's schematic design has now been finalized and Korsmo Construction has been selected for the project. The Board was shown several slides that included renderings of the floor plans for the building. Mr. Ing also showed slides highlighting the landscaping concepts for the building, noting the Gary Oakes will not be disturbed.

A financial table highlighting the funding sources for the project was briefly reviewed.

Mr. Ing indicated that next steps include development of an MOU, construction permitting, updating a new lease agreement for the temporary use of Portland Avenue Community Center. Lua Pritchard commented that ground breaking is scheduled for July. She thanked the District and Board for their continued support and relationship.

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 BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Pointer read a proclamation celebrating Black History Month into the record.

Tacoma teen Kendra Massey performed a praise dance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith commented that she and the other commissioners recently attended the Zoo's annual volunteer recognition event.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Active Lifestyle & Community Wellness Advisory Council

Commissioner Pointer stated the committee met on January 23rd. The agenda included an update on the Parks Rx bill in Olympia. The committee also welcomed new members.

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Ayala commented that the committee met last Friday. She noted the committee focused on items being discussed at the legislative session in Olympia. She noted that youth violence was also discussed.

Arts & Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Liang commented that the committee meets later this week.

Nature & Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Ayala commented that new members were welcomed at the meeting. The committee also discussed their priorities for 2023.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Fort Nisqually Living History Museum received a Special Programs Award from the Heritage League of Pierce County for special collaboration in hosting The Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums Annual Meeting and Conference in June 2022.
- Golf Range Association of America Top 50 Ranges Public Facilities Award has been awarded to Meadow Park Golf Course. This national award is awarded to public facilities that introduce the game of golf to a variety of new golfers every day, while retaining and inspiring their core group of die-hard golfers.
- Meadow Park Golf Course has been awarded the 2022 PGA Junior League Game Changer Award. This was awarded for being one of the top 25 programs in the country and one of the largest programs in the Pacific Northwest section for player engagement.
- The advisory councils' annual meeting is scheduled for February 21st, 5:30pm at Titlow Lodge.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Curt Mehlhaff commented on his concerns about youth violence and safety in the community including areas around the Eastside Community Center.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A correction was made to the minutes noting that the Nature & Advisory Council will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C13-23: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR JANUARY 2023

RESOLUTION NO. C14-23: APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. C15-23: APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ACTIVE LIFESTYLES AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

New Advisory Council members present at the meeting were welcomed by Board members.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P16-23: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. MERLINO MEDIA GROUP FOR MEDIA BUYING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$895,000
2. PISCES SEAFOOD FOR VARIOUS SEAFOOD (ANIMAL FOOD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,045.35 (INCLUDING WSST)
3. MCROBERTS SEAFOOD FOR VARIOUS SEAFOOD (ANIMAL FOOD) IN THE AMOUNT OR \$72,775.66 (INCLUDING WSST)
4. ATLANTIC PACIFIC SEAFOOD FOR VARIOUS SEAFOOD (ANIMAL FOOD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,833.20 (INCLUDING WSST)
5. SIMON & COMPANY FOR FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT FOR \$50,000 FOR 2023-2024
6. TK BENTLER PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR \$100,000 FOR 2023-2024
7. KING COUNTY DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION FOR JANITORIAL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 (INCLUDING WSST)
8. TE WALRATH TRUCKING FOR EQUIPMENT AND GROUND SUPPLIES FOR \$65,000 (INCLUDING WSST)

9. GUNARAMA WHOLESALE FOR RESALE MERCHANDISE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 (INCLUDING WSST)

10. WILSON SPORTING GOODS FOR RESALE GOLF MERCHANDISE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 (INCLUDING WSST)

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

Alan Varsik commented that items 1-4 are for seafood for the Zoo & Aquarium.

Hunter George commented that items 5-6 are for contract extensions for the District's federal and state lobbyist.

Mark Knowlden commented King County Directors' Association (KCDA) is a purchasing cooperative owned by Washington's public school districts. He noted that item 7 is for janitorial and office supplies.

Mr. Knowlden then commented that item 8 is for gravel and rental equipment for the golf course.

Mr. Knowlden noted that item 9 is for fishing and boating resale merchandise for the Point Defiance Marina Boathouse.

Mr. Knowlden stated that item 10 is for golf balls and others supplies for the golf course.

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

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS None

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. SPW5-23: POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM PACIFIC SEAS AQUARIUM BAJA BAY EXHIBIT REPAIRS AWARD TO PEASE CONSTRUCTION

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

Debbie Russell commented that this resolution was first reviewed by the Capital Improvement Committee at their meeting on Wednesday December 14, 2022, and forwarded on to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. She further noted that the Board approved the resolution for \$392,792.00; however, the total did not include Sales tax as indicated. This is a substitute resolution that includes Washington State Sales Tax (WSST) in the contract award, amending the amount to \$433,249.58.

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

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

President Smith commented that the Board held its retreat on February 3rd. The agenda included a professional development topic, policy review and district planning review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with RCW 42.30.110 the Board recessed into an executive session to discuss the performance evaluation of a public employee

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary