



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 27, 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

**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.

It was moved and seconded to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 to discuss the performance evaluation of a public employee; seconded and passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Smith commented positively on the APCC Lunar New Year celebration she attended over the weekend.

President Smith noted that last week Board members attended the annual Joint Advisory Council meeting. The agenda included a report out from each council and a state of the district from staff.

**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Arts & Heritage Advisory Council**

Commissioner Liang commented that at the last council meeting 2 new candidates were interviewed for council positions.

**Business & Responsive Agency Advisory Council**

Commissioner Reid commented that at its last meeting the council spent time preparing for the Joint Advisory Council Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- CIC meeting scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> is canceled
- Stanley Play Field Revitalization Meeting - Wed. March 1 at 6pm in the Stanley Elementary Gym
- Portland Ave Master Plan – Open House March 9, 6 pm at ESCC
- Zoo Trek Authority (ZTA) Meeting on Wed. March 1 at 5pm

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Curt Mehlhaff commented on the impact the recent levy lid lift has on tax payers as the community recovers from the pandemic. He inquired about demographic and income data of those who supported the levy.

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2023 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. C17-23: APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ARTS & HERITAGE 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. P18-23: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA**

1. LAMAR ADVERTISING FOR BILLBOARD ADVERTISING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,000 FOR 2023

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

Sarah Oliver commented that this item is the annual purchase for the Zoo, NW Trek and Zoolights. She noted that Lamar was selected as they own a majority of the inventory of billboards in the South Sound area. Whitney DalBalcon commented a projected 50 million impressions will result from the billboard advertising.

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**

**RESOLUTION NO. PW19-23:** POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM SOUTH PACIFIC AQUARIUM EXHIBIT IMPROVEMENTS CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 CONTRACT 2022103J PEASE CONSTRUCTION, INC. BID NO. J2022-14

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

Debbie Russell commented that this resolution was reviewed by the Capital Improvement Committee at their meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, and forwarded on to the full Board with a recommendation for approval.

Ms. Russell indicated that change order No. 5, in the amount of \$52,089.19, will cover the expense of extending the epoxy flooring into the dive building to prevent further structural damage discovered by the contractor, and vacuuming out the feed line to the South Pacific Aquarium which was unable to be inspected prior to construction but has visible debris throughout the line. Staff is requesting approval for Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$52,089.19, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,081,857.54.

Ms. Russell commented that the cover memo to the resolution had an error noting the \$40,000 in the funding line should have been removed. The correct total for both the funding allocated/expenses anticipated is \$6,277,034.00 as indicated.

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**

Commissioner Ayala commented that she attended the co-create event at the STAR Center and it was very well attended.

Commissioner Smith commented that there is a another co-create this Thursday evening at the Tacoma Nature Center.

Commissioner Liang stated he attend a partnership lunch with those who were part of the Lunar New Year event at Eastside Community Center.

Commissioner Liang noted that he recently met with Mayor Woodards and Council Member Rumbaugh.

Commissioner Liang commented that he attend the protecting trans-kids rally this past weekend.

**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 6:40p.m.

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary