



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
June 12, 2023**

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

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: Center at Norpoint
4818 Nassau Ave NE

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. Commissioner Pointer read a land acknowledgement.

A moment of silence was held in honor of former Park Board Commissioner Larry Dahl.

President Smith introduced City Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh. Council Member Rumbaugh thanked the community for attending the meeting and acknowledged the positive partnership between Metro Parks Tacoma and the City of Tacoma.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PARKS CHAMPION AWARD

Megan Kula presented members of Southside Church with the Parks Champion Award for their continued partnership with the Center at Norpoint. Group photos were then taken with the Board.

JUNETEENTH PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Pointer read a proclamation into the record that the Board of Park Commissioners hereby proclaims Juneteenth as a Metro Parks Tacoma holiday, and encourages all Tacomans to recognize the continued need to battle racism and build a society that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

The Park Board And Metro Park Staff acknowledged and thanked Dr. Karen Goodrowe Beck on the occasion of her retirement from Point Defiance Zoo And Aquarium after 21 years.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Smith reported that she attended the *It's Her Shot* event last weekend. At the event the District received a \$10,000.00 contribution for youth basketball.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Active Living And Community Wellness Advisory Council

Commissioner Pointer commented that the council met on May 25th. Agenda items at that meeting included a presentation relative to the 3 proposals for improvements to the Meadow Park Golf Course. Commissioner Pointer also stated that staff liaison and Mary Tuttle is no longer with the council as she has left Metro Parks for the position of the Parks & Recreation Director for the City of Sea-Tac.

Zoo Liaison Committee

Commissioner Reid commented that the Zoo Liaison Committee met on June 5th. Agenda items included a financial and attendee report, a Zoo Society report out, and details around zoo accreditation scheduled for later in June.

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Ayala commented that JMAC met last week. Agenda items included a discussion about community wealth building through youth employment, and youth safe zones.

Business & Responsive Agency Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented the committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow morning at 7:30 AM at Meadow Park Golf Course.

Nature And Environment Advisory Council

Commissioner Ayala commented that at their last meeting the council discussed relationships that the District has with local tribes.

Arts And Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Liang indicated the council will meet next week.

Commissioner Liang commented that he recently attended the Pierce County Climate Conservation meeting. He noted the agenda focused on the need to collaborate in order to combat climate change.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Last weekend’s Point Defiance Flower & Garden Show was a great success with approximately 10,000 visitors to the park.
- Co-create to Recreate is scheduled for June 13 at Eastside Community Center at 6pm
- Home-spun Happy Hour at Fort Nisqually being held on June 29th at 6pm

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

A written comment was submitted By Sandra Ford regarding her concerns about fire and rescue access to Blueberry Park.

Eric Elgar commented that he appreciated the work Metro Parks has been doing to make improvements at the Dash Point Pier, he urged the District to try to make the repairs and improvements in an expeditious manner.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 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. C49-23: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR MAY 2023**

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. P50-23: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA**

1. VERDIS GROUP FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,000
2. ZEC EIGHT INSIGHTS FOR CITY IN A PARK: SYSTEM MASTER AND STRATEGIC PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$178,100

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

Debbie Russell noted that the District 's sustainability plans have come to the end of their life cycle and are scheduled to be updated in the 2/324 work plan. Ms. Russell commented that Verdis Group has extensive experience providing sustainability and climate action planning for zoos and aquariums and government entities. She continued to note that Verdis Group is located in Omaha, Nebraska and is partnering with subconsultant Earth Economics located in Tacoma; both firms have previously worked with Metro Parks.

Ms. Russell then stated that the second item on the purchasing agenda is for Zec Eight Insights. She stated that the work with this consultant will be for The City In A Park System Master Plan And Strategic Plan that will supersede and replace The Strategic Master Plan 2018 and the Mission Led Comprehensive Program Plan 2016 – 2022.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. PW51-23: POINT DEFIANCE PARK LOOP TRAIL PHASE 1 SOUND PACIFIC CONSTRUCTION, LLC – CHANGE ORDER #3

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 May 24, 2023. Debbie Russell commented that this change order covers the cost of additional asphalt paving, additional over excavation of poor soil, slope drainage remediation, additional revisions to existing utilities and revising proposed bollards to surface mount. This change is for \$47,625.05.

Commissioner Smith inquired about contingency funding for this project, staff noted that there is sufficient contingency funding for this phase.

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

RESOLUTION NO. PW52-23: POINT DEFIANCE VIEW POINTS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS /LOOP TRAIL PROJECT BCRA, INC. A&E CONTRACT AMENDMENT #3

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 May 24, 2023. Debbie Russell commented that this amendment will provide for revisions to design package including utility additions, signage, split permitting approach into 2 phases, revisions to storm water permitting, landscaping, and path guardrail designs. She noted this amendment increases the contract by \$217,740.

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

RESOLUTION NO. PW53-23: PECK SPORTS PARK MASTER PLAN CONTRACT AWARD TO WALKER/ MACY

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 May 24, 2023. Ms. Russell noted that the scope of this contract is intended to provide for a long-range master plan with the potential for design development and construction document phases for the implementation of improvements at Peck athletic complex.

Ms. Russell noted that Walker / Macy is a certified woman owned business with offices in Seattle and Portland. The Board was also informed that this effort is expected to be completed by October 31, 2023.

Commissioner pointer stated that he attended the June 5th community meeting, noting that community was interested in upgrading lighting needs at the site. He also inquired about turf or grass being used at the site. Staff indicated that the design will likely use turf as Tacoma Public Schools does use turf for all of its fields as it provides for seasonal use.

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

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R54-23: GRANTING TWO EASEMENTS FROM METRO PARKS TACOMA TO PIERCE COUNTY IN SWAN CREEK PARK

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

Ms. Russell commented that Metro Parks Tacoma and Pierce County Public Works have been working together, along with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, to improve stream habitat in Swan Creek Park. Ms. Russell stated that Pierce County is designing a stream channel restoration project in the Swan Creek ravine to improve floodwater conveyance, in-water habitat, and slope stability.

The Board was informed that the Permanent Easement will allow for changes in stream flow, as the project may increase water surface elevations within the Swan Creek ravine, including during flood events. The 2-year Temporary Easement will allow for construction activities, as well as planting new natives plants, and may involve temporary closures of trails for pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Liang suggested items like this for future Advisory Council agenda items.

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

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. RR46-23: ACCEPTING THE 2023 PORTLAND AVENUE PARK MASTER PLAN

This resolution was moved and seconded at the May 22, 2023 Regular Park Board Meeting. Being no additional comments to question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

RESOLUTION NO. RR47-23: ADOPTION OF REVISED FORT NISQUALLY COLLECTIONS PLAN POLICY

This resolution was moved and seconded at the May 22, 2023 Regular Park Board Meeting. Being no additional comments to question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

RESOLUTION NO. RR48-23: ADOPTION OF SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

This resolution was moved and seconded at the May 22, 2023 Regular Park Board Meeting. Being no additional comments to question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

NEW BUSINESS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Liang thanked staff for hosting the meeting at the Community Center.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03p.m.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary