



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
June 26, 2023**

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

EXCUSED: Rosie Ayala

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: District Headquarters
4702 S 19th St.

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.

It was moved and seconded to excuse Commissioner Ayala; seconded and passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING THE PREVENTION OF GUN VIOLENCE

Commissioner Smith read a proclamation into the record to support community collaborations to prevent gun violence and provide safe places for youth.

PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

Commissioner Liang read a proclamation into the record recognizing and honoring the month of July 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Tacoma.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

The Park Board and Metro Park Staff acknowledged and thanked Mary Anderson and Greg Smith on the occasion of their retirements from the Park District.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith reported that the Summer Late Night Program begins tonight. She noted that she along with a group of local electeds doorbelled in the city over the weekend to promote the program to families.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**Business & Responsive Agency Advisory Council**

Commissioner Reid commented that at their last meeting the council met at Meadow Park Golf Course and received information about the golf course design study that was completed. The council will meet again at the golf course on July 20th at 7:30 AM.

Arts And Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Liang indicated the council met last week. Agenda items included the golf course design study, and the District's land acknowledgement process. The council is planning a site visit to the Zoo.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Last week Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium had 5 inspectors from the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) visit the site for their accreditation inspection. The inspection went extremely well, with a long list of significant achievements. In September, directors will meet with the AZA Commission to get the full report and find out if the zoo receives accreditation for the next 5 years.
- June 28, 2023 Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) meeting is canceled.
- Alan Varsik introduced the following new employees:
Megan Paider, Leilani Beaupre, Katie DeLorenzo, Kristyn Plancarte, Alma Perez, Callie Jordheim, Annelise Rue-Johns, Adam Schare, Skylar King, Danny Cassaro

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Curt Mehlhaff commented about his concerns about the City of Tacoma's Home in Tacoma Program.

Joe Beck commented concerns that he and residents at Point Ruston have related to amplified sound and safety issues at the water walk.

Lindsey Snow requested the Board consider transforming Delong Park to an off-leash dog park.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C55-23: ACCEPTING \$1,164,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE TACOMA PARKS FOUNDATION (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GREATER METRO PARKS FOUNDATION) FOR THE EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Commissioners thanked the Foundation for their support and contributions.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P56-23: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. ROGER CLEVELAND GOLF CO. INC FOR RESALE MERCHANDISE AT MEADOW PARK GOLF COURSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000
2. CAIRNS MARINE FOR ACQUISITION AND SHIPMENT OF TROPICAL MARINE FISH AND INVERTEBRATES FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC AQUARIUM IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000

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

Mark Knowlden commented that a purchase order in the amount of \$50,000 was established for the year 2023. He further noted that amount is now virtually exhausted due to unforeseen increased prices, and a \$30,000 invoice for range balls that was backordered in 2022, but delivered/paid in 2023. The additional amount of \$50,000 is required for purchases over the remainder of 2023. This will increase the total 2023 purchase amount to \$100,000 for this vendor.

Alan Varsik commented that item #2 is for approval of the purchase and shipment of live tropical marine fish and invertebrates for the reopening of the South Pacific Aquarium. He further commented that Cairns Marine, located in Australia, is the only vendor with the capacity and expertise to deliver over 90 percent of the species listed within the South Pacific Aquarium exhibit plan. The Board was informed that Cairns Marine is a well-respected company that practices sustainable and ethical methodology in their animal collecting and handling efforts.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. PW57-23: FORT NISQUALLY PHASE II A&E CONTRACT AWARD TO SHKS ARCHITECTS

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

Debbie Russell commented that this resolution authorizes an A&E Contract with SHKS Architects to provide Design Development plans through Construction Administration for the Phase II building improvements at Point Defiance Park's Fort Nisqually Living History Museum in the amount of \$291,000. She noted that Phase II of the facility improvements implement the

design and construction of phase II based on the findings of the FCAR. Buildings to be improved via Phase II are:

- Demolition of existing and design and construction of a new Clerk’s House
- Improvements to Sales Shop
- Improvements to Kitchen building

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

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS None

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

NEW BUSINESS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Liang inquired about the community engagement regarding the safety fence that will be put in at Stanley Playfield.

Commissioner Smith commented that there is a Co-create to Recreate event at Peoples Center on Wednesday evening.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13p.m.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary