



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

**March 15, 2023
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Reid

Staff Support: **Marty Stump**, Deputy Director - Planning and Development; **Roger Stanton**, Capital Program Manager, Regional & ZEED; **Rebecca Solverson**, City of Tacoma Art Specialist/Metro Parks Consultant; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the February 14, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

Action Items

Point Defiance Marina Facility Major Renovations WSP Contract Amendment 4 & 5

- This resolution authorizes amendment 4 & 5 to the A&E contract for the Point Defiance Marina Facility Major Renovations to WSP for a total contract amount of \$323,466.
- Roger explained WSP was originally hired to complete a Facility Condition Assessment for the Marina complex. After completion, they were additionally contracted for the engineering related to the corrective pier and building work. It was during building construction that additional damage was discovered (building decomposition, wood decay, compromised under-building utilities). These repairs required additional design support and this resolution covers these additional costs.
- Roger added that it is being brought to the Commissioner's tonight because it tripped the threshold for Board approval. He explained this is generally an administrative process and we are still within the project's approved budget. He mentioned potential future site improvements: card readers and water line improvements.
- Both Commissioners agreed that these repairs need to be completed
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Discussion Items

Marty explained the next two Artist Selection Memos will be presented by Rebecca Solverson from the City of Tacoma who has been contracted to manage artist work for Metro Parks. She will explain how the artists were selected and the art they will be completing.

Artist Selection for Eastside Community Center Youth Involved Mural

- Rebecca reported that Tiffany Hammonds was selected for the Eastside Community Center Youth Involved Mural. She proceeded to provide the Commissioner with a bit of background. In 2019 a consultant was hired to facilitate an art plan for Metro Parks. To help

local youth feel ownership in this project, a youth involved mural at the center was decided on. The mural will be located above the main stairway and will consist of panels making it easier for the work to be created and installed.

- It was reported that there were 12 eligible submissions and the panel selected 3 artists to interview. Initially the artist team of Rick & Nathaniel was selected. Unfortunately, this contract wasn't extended, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, and concerns around project fit.
- Tiffany was the clear second choice by the selection committee. She participated in the Eastside Community Center Public Art Training program and has worked for Metro Parks as an art instructor. The revised commission of \$10,000 doesn't require Board approval. It was noted that mural work will start this summer and be held like a summer camp. Metro Park's Maintenance staff will help with mural installation.
- Commissioner Reid noted he didn't have an art background and was uncomfortable recommending any artist without subject matter expertise. He asked if this selection was presented to our Arts & Heritage Committee and Commissioner's Smith and Liang. Rebecca confirmed this selection was vetted through the Arts & Heritage Committee and noted it won't be the only touch point for the Board. Marty agreed to put together supplemental information showing who has seen this selection.
- Commissioner Pointer stated that he knows Tiffany and likes her artwork. He added that as long as the Arts & Heritage Committee approve of her work, he is fine with the selection. He thought she was a good choice.
- Marty added that staff are happy to bring future artist selection items to the full Board, either as part of a COW or through an alternative communication channel. He concluded by noting that because the contract is below the Board approval threshold, it is being presented today just for the Commissioner's thoughts.

Artist Selection for Melanie's Park

- Rebecca explained this selection realizes a goal of incorporating more local Native American artwork. She reported that the mother-daughter artist team of Denise Reed and Sharron Nelson was selected for the Melanie's Park artwork. They will design custom concrete stamps referencing Puyallup woven patterns, which will be installed along the walkway inside the park.
- The selection process was different for this project. Staff approached the Puyallup Tribe for their recommendations. This mother-daughter team was recommended for their woven medium experience. It was added that Sharron has done similar design work at a casino.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if they have worked for Metro Parks before or done any public art outside a casino. It was reported they haven't worked for Metro Parks or completed art outside a casino.
- The project's commission is \$10,000 and will not require a resolution for contract approval by the Board. Commissioner Reid asked if it doesn't require Board approval, why is it being presented tonight. Marty stated it is part of the expanded art and artist expression touch points. This was implemented to make sure there aren't any surprises. He agreed to share the updated art workflow process at future presentations.
- Commissioner Reid asked if this selection has been presented to the Arts & Heritage Committee. It was reported yes, last month.

Other Discussion Items

- Commissioner Reid ask if any trees were cut down recently at Cloverdale Park. Marty was not aware of any, and added that we are working with Tacoma Public Power on this issue and moving as quickly as possible on the removal of a utility pole in the middle of the park.
- Commissioner Pointer asked about land ownership at Stanley Park. He noted more Metro Park's property is involved than he realized. Marty reported we are meeting tomorrow to work through this. He added that 2/3 of the land is owned by Metro Parks. Some of the land might feel like school property, but actually belongs to Metro Parks i.e., existing school playground and adjoining playfields. He concluded that any adjustments will be brought before the Board.

Meeting Adjourned