



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

May 24, 2023
5:00 PM
MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Reid

Staff Support: **Marty Stump**, Deputy Director - Planning and Development; **Kristi Evans**, Capital Program Manager, Community and Neighborhood Parks; **Roger Stanton**, Capital Program Manager, Regional & ZEED; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the May 10, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

Discussion Item

N/A

Action Items

Point Defiance Park Loop Trail Phase 1 - Sound Pacific Construction, LLC Change Order #3 BID# J2022-28

- Roger reported this resolution authorizes the contract Change Order #3 to Sound Pacific Construction, LLC for Point Defiance Park Loop Trail Phase 1 in the amount of \$47,625.05. He led a discussion of the project's previous change orders that covered inadvertent discoveries needing to be addressed (old trolley rail line, rotten gazebo structure, relocation of utilities, etc.)
- This change order covers the costs of additional asphalt paving, additional over excavation of poor soil, slope drainage remediation, additional existing utility revisions, and revising proposed bollards to surface mount.
- Roger explained that Phase 1 of this project is almost complete and contingency funds remain. Final punch list items are being completed and include redoing some plantings, additional tree supports and mulch. He added the public has been using the trail for the past couple months.
- Commissioner Pointer wondered what a bollard was. Roger reported they are steel posts that deter vehicle access.
- Commissioner Reid asked about the topsoil content around the tennis courts, wondering if it was clay. Roger reported it is heavily compacted silt that is not impervious. He added the whole park was filled in the past with soil that doesn't drain very well.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Point Defiance View Points Infrastructure Improvements/Loop Trail Project BCRA, Inc, A&E Contract Amendment #3

- This resolution authorizes an amendment of \$217,740 to the existing A&E Contract with BCRA Inc. for additional design services for the Loop Trail Project.
- Roger reported that funds go towards design package revisions that include utility additions, signage, split permitting approach into two phases, revisions to stormwater permitting, landscaping, and path guardrail designs. He added that the Owen Beach entry road project was handled as a separate project and never incorporated into this project.
- Commissioner Pointer noted these revisions haven't delayed the project. Roger reported the contractor has been working hard to stay current with the project's timeline even with changes.
- Marty added that Phase 2 of the project gets more complicated with shoreline permitting, additional surface water, wetland reviews, surveying, and cultural review. In addition, it is part of a biodiversity corridor and includes ASARCO contaminated soil that requires specialized handling. Commissioner Reid suggested including this information during the Board presentation.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Peck Sports Park Master Plan Contract Award to Walker/ Macy

- This resolution authorizes a contract award for the Peck Sports Park Master Plan contract to Walker/Macy in the amount not to exceed \$93,750. The project's scope provides for a long-range Master Plan with the potential for design and construction improvements at Peck Athletic Complex.
- Marty explained this project has been discussed for a long time. The goal is to add park amenities to better serve the community. Currently staff are moving into a deeper discovery phase for Peck as the home for a much talked about baseball field.
- As background, Metro Parks has been working with Tacoma Public Schools (TPS) on plans to design an all-season multi-use sport field at Peck Athletic Complex for TPS and MPT sports teams. The all-season multi-use field would serve as the home field for Stadium High School and Hilltop Heritage Middle School baseball teams, and also be available for soccer, lacrosse, and other community sport's needs. The full Peck Sports Park master plan will include neighborhood park amenities and will explore the emerging principles of Community Sports Parks, informed by community feedback.
- Kristi explained a quick master planning effort was needed to help align with TPS's schedule. She reported an A&E Roster review was conducted for local sports park experience and Walter/Mary was determined to be the most qualified. They have done work with Metro Parks in the past and can start work quickly. Marty added they work closely with urban design and are familiar with the area, recently completing Martin Luther King Way streetscape work as part of the Sound Transit Link project.
 - Commissioner Pointer asked if they have experience with baseball fields. Kristi reported yes, adding the multi-use field will also support soccer and lacrosse.

- It was explained this is an overall master plan that includes TPS. It will take into consideration future community needs and include public outreach. The first public meeting is slated for June 5th.
- Commissioner Reid asked the difference between hardball and softball fields. It was explained that hardball fields are larger and have mounds while softball fields are flat.
- Marty added that because this falls within Metro Park's property, we are taking the lead on making sure all plans work together. We also need to determine other amenities the community may want. Not just playfields but other court surfaces like basketball, pickleball typically found at neighborhood parks.
- Commissioners asked about lighting, noting the old lighting needs to be replaced with a new system. It was reported that TPS isn't including new lighting, however it can be included in the master plan for future installation.
- Commissioner Pointer asked when construction will start. It was reported that construction would start in spring and be completed by the end of summer or the start of the new school year.
- Commissioner Pointer asked about the project's funding source. Marty stated this is a phased project and TPS is primarily funding the 1st phase that will focus upon the baseball field and primary support facilities. MPT has earmarked modest funding through its CIP and is looking at ways to grow this amount through 2024 grant applications.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Granting Two Easements from Metro Parks Tacoma to Pierce County in Swan Creek Park

- This resolution would grant Pierce County two (2) easements for the surface water enhancement project at Swan Creek. Kristi explained the project's goal is to minimize creek bank erosion by stabilizing the channel bed and bank slopes, helping to improved salmon migration. She reported that Pierce County needs both a temporary easement for construction and a permanent easement for future maintenance. She reported the Puyallup Tribe of Indians has been consulted and Metro Park's attorney has reviewed both documents.
- Commissioner Reid asked if this project has a construction fish window. Kristi was unsure since a construction schedule hasn't been established but we are confident that the project is scheduled around salmon spawning calendar. Commissioner Reid also asked if there is any recourse (revoke easement) for environmental harm caused by structure failure. Kristi said this is a good question and will confer with our attorney before the next Board meeting.
- Because work is within park boundaries, both Commissioners wanted to make sure both the land and the public are protected.
- Commissioner Reid asked the distance of creek work, wondering if it would go past Eastside Community Center or First Creek Middle School. Kristi said no, it will stay within Swan Creek at an estimated 900 feet. Staff agreed to bring an image of the referenced area to the Board meeting presentation to help with visualization.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Other Discussion Items

- Commissioner Reid reported receiving community input that two areas need additional ADA trail updates: Owen Beach's outer loop and Swan Creek's pipeline trail are not wide enough for 3-wheel bikes. Kristi said staff will follow up and fix this issue.
- Commissioners asked if Metro Park's is planning anything for 4th of July. Staff will check, adding something may be planned for Ruston Way.

Meeting Adjourned