



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
October 9, 2023**

PRESENT: Tim Reid, Acting Clerk
Michael Liang

REMOTE: Aaron Pointer, Acting President
Andrea Smith
Rosie Ayala

IN THE CHAIR: Aaron Pointer

PLACE: STAR Center
3873 S. 66th St.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Park District Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Smith read a land acknowledgement.

Commissioner Pointer was called to serve as acting President due to Commissioner Smith attending remotely from out of state.

Commissioner Reid was named acting clerk.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

VISION STEP DANCE TEAM

Meagan Kula introduced Chelsea McElroy and the Vision Step Team. Team members performed and were introduced.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY PROCLAMATION

Alan Varsik introduced the proclamation. Commissioner Liang read the proclamation, stating that the Board of Park Commissioners recognizes October 9, 2023, as Indigenous Peoples' Day, honoring the presence and contributions of all Indigenous cultures in the region and committing to continued partnership with them in caring for our lands and restoring equity in our communities.

GREEN TACOMA DAY AND TACOMA ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Hollie Rogge introduced the proclamation. Commissioner Reid read the proclamation, stating that the Board of Park Commissioner recognizes and honors October 14th, 2023, as Green Tacoma Day and Tacoma's Arbor Day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT None

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**Nature & Environment Advisory Council**

Commissioner Ayala commented that at their last meeting the council discussed the climate action plan.

Arts & Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Liang commented that the council will meet later this week.

Commissioner Liang commented positively on the opening event for Tacoma Arts month that he attended last week at the STAR Center.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Debbie Russell introduced new employee Audrey Widner.
- Eastside Community Center's 5th anniversary celebration will be free for all to enjoy from 3:30-6:30 on Wednesday, October 18th. No drop-in fee or membership necessary.
- It was requested that Resolution No. R83-23 be moved to the top of the meeting agenda.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Svetlana Konotopchik thanked the Board for the many welcoming community opportunities that have been offered to the Ukrainian community.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Liang moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Reid and passed on a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. R83-23: RENAMING MCCARVER PARK TO EDNA TRAVIS PARK

Commissioner Liang moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Hunter George introduced the resolution by noting that this resolution recognizes that the Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors changed the name of McCarver Elementary to Edna Travis Elementary, and it directs staff to implement the name change on the park portion of the school district-owned property. Mr. George gave a brief history on the current name of the park and the reason for changing the name in honor of Edna Travis.

Anne Travis-Barker and Beverley Barker, daughters of Edna Travis were present and spoke to the accomplishments of their mother, and thanked the District for this honor.

Board members noted that were proud to support this resolution.

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

CONSENT AGENDA**RESOLUTION NO. C78-23:** APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Commissioner Liang moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Reid and passed on a vote of 5-0.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. P79-23:** AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOOD AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. ASSOCIATED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC. FOR BULK FUEL (RESALE & OPERATING) CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000

Commissioner Liang moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Mark Knowlden indicated that due to the increasing cost of fuel this change order is needed to purchase fuel for both resale at the Boathouse and the District's fleet.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. PW80-23:** POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM SOUTH PACIFIC AQUARIUM (SPA) EXHIBIT IMPROVEMENTS CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 CONTRACT 2022103J PEASE CONSTRUCTION, INC. BID NO. J2022-14

Commissioner Liang moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Russell commented that this item was discussed at that last CIC meeting. Ms. Russell commented that this resolution authorizes Change Order No. 7 to Pease Construction, Inc. contract for the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium South Pacific Aquarium (SPA) Exhibit Improvements Project in the amount of \$61,873.89. Debbie Russell and project manager Fred Ramey both commented on the need for the change orders associated with this project due to the age and salt water impacts on the building.

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

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. R81-23:** ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$135,000 EVENT NETWORK FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF PLAZA GIFTS AT POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM

Commissioner Liang moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Russell commented that staff is recommending that funding be accepted and appropriated from Event Network for capital improvements of Plaza Gifts at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium. She commented that the contract with Event Network specifies capital improvements to the gift shop.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R82-23: ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$350,000 FROM THE ZOO SOCIETY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AQUARIUM AT POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM

Commissioner Liang moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Russell commented that staff is recommending that funding be accepted and appropriated from the Zoo Society for capital improvements to the South Pacific Aquarium at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.

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

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. RR76-23: UPDATING POLICY 000.001 POLICY & PROCEDURES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

This resolution was moved and seconded at the September 25, 2023 Regular Boar Meeting.

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

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

NEW BUSINESS DISTRICT HUMAN RESOURCES POLICIES

Debbie Russell commented that staff is continuing to proceed with review of the District Human Resources polices. She then presented an updated schedule noting a proposed COW meeting on November 20th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Reid requested the meeting minutes reflect those commissioners who attend remotely.

Commissioner Liang thanked staff for coordinating the off-site meeting technology.

Commissioner Smith commented that she is in Dallas attending the NRPA annual conference.

Commissioner Pointer congratulated Zoo staff for their recent accreditation by the AZA.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06p.m.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary