



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 8, 2024**

PRESENT: Andrea Smith, President  
Tim Reid, Clerk  
Rosie Ayala  
Aaron Pointer  
Matthew Mauer

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: MPT Headquarters, 4702 S. 19th St. Tacoma, WA

**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 SWEARING IN**

Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Mauer both took the oath of office.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS WHOLE CHILD PROCLAMATION**

Hollie Rogge introduced the proclamation and spoke about the benefits of the Whole Child initiative.

Commissioner Ayala read the proclamation.

Laura Allen representing Tacoma Public Schools received the proclamation and thanked the Board.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Smith commented positively on the recent ground breaking event at Verlo Playfield for the future sports courts.

**NOMINATIONS & VOTING FOR 2024 BOARD OFFICERS**

At the December 11, 2023 Regular Board meeting Commissioner Smith was nominated for the position of Board President; being no additional nominations, Commissioner Smith was elected to the position of Board President.

At the December 11, 2023 Regular Board meeting Commissioner Reid was nominated for the position of Board Clerk; being no additional nominations, Commissioner Reid was elected to the position of Board Clerk.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Business & Responsive Agency Advisory Council**

Commissioner Reid commented that the council discussed the District’s legislative agenda at their December meeting.

### **Arts & Heritage Advisory Council**

Commissioner Ayala commented that at their last meeting that the council discussed their 2024 work plan.

## **2024 BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

President Smith made the following committee appointments for 2024:

- Capital Improvement Committee –Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Reid (Commissioner Smith- Alternate)
- Joint Municipal Action Committee – Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Ayala (Commissioner Smith Alternate)
- Zoo Liaison—Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Pointer (Commissioner Smith Alternate)
- MPT/TPS Coordinating Committee—Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Smith
- MPT/COT Interlocal Policy Committee—Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Smith
- Pierce County Baseball Committee- Commissioner Pointer
- Greater Metro Parks Foundation – Commissioner Smith
- Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Advisory Council—Commissioner Pointer
- Nature and Environment Advisory Council—Commissioner Mauer
- Arts and Heritage Advisory Council—Commissioner Ayala
- Business and Responsive Agency Advisory Council—Commissioner Reid

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- January 10, 2024 Capital Improvement Committee Meeting is canceled.
- January 15, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting is canceled.
- Debbie Russell introduced new staff members: Ken Burkart, Jon Moore, Corey Gault, David Jellison, Taylor Laidlaw

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Willie Stewart thanked the Board for endorsing the upcoming Tacoma Public Schools Bond Issue.

Julie Door commented on safety concerns at Oakland Madrona Park. She requested the District consider installing lighting in the park.

John Farley and Barbara Henderson both submitted written comments related to safety concerns at Oakland Madrona Park.

Commissioner Reid commented that safety remains a top priority for the District. He requested that staff continue to work on safety plans.

Commissioner Ayala stressed the need to work with the City as collaboratively on safety planning.

### **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 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. C1-24:** APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR DECEMBER 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. C2-24:** APPOINTING ADRIENNE IONE TO THE ACTIVE LIFESTYLE AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

President Smith thanked the newly appointed council member.

**PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS** None

### **PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. PW3-24:** TITLOW PARK LAGOON CULVERT REMOVAL & RAILROAD TRESTLE BRIDGE PROJECT, CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO ANCHOR QEA

Commissioner Reid moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Mauer.

Debbie Russell commented that this is the third amendment to this contract for Phase 2A for advancing railroad trestle design to 30% design & support services for data & investigation for permit documentation.

The Board and staff briefly spoke of the complexity of this project as it does involve the railroad.

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

**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS** None

**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Commissioner Ayala welcomed Commissioner Mauer.

**ADJOURN**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary