



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 12, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Antonio McLemore introduced the proclamation and noted the annual Black History Month celebration held at People's Center. People's Center staff members Kennette Rivers and Robert Doss were honored for their leadership and work with black youth at the center. Commissioner Pointer read the proclamation.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Smith commented that she attended the Zoo & Aquarium Volunteer Dinner held on February 7th. She noted that in the past year volunteer hours have increased 30%.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Active Lifestyle & Community Wellness Advisory Council

Commissioner Pointer commented that at the last council meeting the council reviewed information on Parks RX and other legislative requests at the state level.

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Ayala commented that the February meeting centered on the current legislative session. The next meeting's agenda will include a presentation related to the work of the Birth to 25 Advisory Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Hunter George was introduced and gave a legislative update noting that Parks Rx – bill died in committee; Property tax cap – died in committee, 2 capital requests for People’s and South End feasibility studies: enjoying strong support within our delegation; hearing that the Senate capital budget may be released this Thursday
- Mr. Sylvia commented on park safety & security, noting the incident at Point Defiance over the weekend. He commented that staff is working with TPD leadership & the City Manager, camera installation at the exit and entrance of the park, an increased presence by TPD at the Park. More discussion on the topic is scheduled for the Board retreat on February 23,2024.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Tianna Kelly made comments related to her concerns about closure of the old boat house and the relocation of tenants.

Curt Mehlhaff commented about the safety and security concerns at Point Defiance Park.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2024 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. C7-24: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR JANUARY 22, 2024

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

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P8-24: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. LAMAR ADVERTISING FOR BILLBOARD ADVERTISING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,000
2. SEATTLE’S FINEST SECURITY & TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR SECURITY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$535,000

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

Alan Varsik commented that item #1 is the annual billboard contract for NW Trek and Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.

Joe Brady commented that item #2 is for additional security services for District Parks and facilities including Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, There was brief discussion amongst the Board and staff related to the guard shifts and emphasis patrols.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. PW9-24: CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATES, INC. (ESA)

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

Debbie Russell commented that this item was reviewed at the CIC on January 24th. Ms. Russell stated this contract will allow the District to have an agreement for archaeological services for multiple capital projects funded by the 2014 Bond. The contract is not to exceed \$300,000 through 2026.

There was a brief discussion regarding how the staff works with this firm on cultural discoveries.

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

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R10-24: APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROBST PROPERTY, ACCEPTING & APPROPRIATING A PIERCE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES GRANT, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN ACQUISITION COSTS FROM THE 2014 BOND ISSUE

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

Debbie Russell commented that this item was discussed at the last CIC meeting. Staff requested that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Probst Property, Accept & appropriate a Pierce County Conservation Futures Grant for \$850,000, and authorize Metro Parks to expend funds for the acquisition of the property to be reimbursed through the issuance of bonds pursuant to the 2014 voter approved bond issue.

Ms. Russell also noted that the Probst family has indicated they plan to donate 5% of the sale proceeds back to Metro Parks Tacoma.

Commissioners noted their support for the opportunity to acquire open space.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R11-24: BUILDING LEASE BETWEEN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PACIFIC HARBORS COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF TACOMA

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

Debbie Russell commented that this lease is for office space to accommodate growing staff that support Club B and the Beyond the Bell programs. This lease is for 10 years.

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

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

NEW BUSINESS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Ayala commented on the successful Black History Month Celebration held at Peoples Center.

President Smith commented that the APCC-South Park Community Center underwent demo. last week.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary