



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

**March 27, 2024
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Reid

Staff Support: **Marty Stump**, Chief Planning Officer - Planning and Development; **Kristi Evans**, Capital Program Manager, Community and Neighborhood Parks; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the March 13, 2024, meeting were approved as written.

Discussion Item

N/A

Action Items

MPT/TPS Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Peck Community Sports Park multi-use Baseball Field Project

- Marty reported an adjusted resolution is being presented tonight that rounds the project's funding dollars.
- This resolution authorizes Metro Parks to enter into an agreement (ILA) with the Tacoma School District (TSD) for the joint development and operation of a new multi-use baseball field project at Peck Community Sports Park. Additionally, it authorizes a contribution from Metro Parks of \$460,000 to help offset any incidental project costs. This project is currently estimated at approximately \$5M funded primarily by TSD.
- Marty explained the ILA spells out the project's conditions. TSD is managing the design, permitting and construction phases of the project in partnership with Metro Parks. Currently it's in permitting with the project's Phase 1 construction slated for this summer. Once completed MPT will manage, operate, and maintain the multi-use baseball field. Marty added that the City of Tacoma's (COT) street improvements around Peck Park will also support this project and an RCO grant ask is out for a second field.
- Commissioner Pointer if the fields will be turfed. Staff reported yes. He also brought up parking concerns around the park. Marty reported COT's planned street improvements and the ability to instigate parking restrictions should help alleviate this problem.
- Commissioner Reid wanted to make sure the funds for this project won't take away from any other neighborhood bond projects. Marty stated these funds were already included in the CIP budget specifically for Peck and won't draw from any other neighborhood project.
- Commissioner Reid asked if our attorney has reviewed the ILA. Staff reported yes, added he will do a final review before it goes out for signatures.

- Commissioner Reid asked if the \$5M is for the ballfield only. Staff reported yes, it's the umbrella school district costs for developing the ball field at Peck and includes the field, backstop, dug outs, 2 batting cages and future lighting (poles and conduits). Staff noted a possible RCO grant could cover the future lighting costs. Commissioner Pointer stated that lighting is crucial for this project and is happy to see if moving forward.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Additional Items

- Marty reported that Metro Park's CAPRA accreditation happened this week. Commissioner Reid asked if it went well. Staff reported yes, noting they are expecting a passing grade. It was added that Commissioner Smith sat in for the entire meeting.

Meeting Adjourned