



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
July 8, 2024**

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

EXCUSED: Tim Reid

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: Metro Parks District Headquarters, 4702 S 19th St. Tacoma, WA 98405

PUBLIC HEARING

SURPLUSING AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT SOUTH END RECREATION AREA (SERA) TO THE CITY OF TACOMA FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION #7

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:30pm.

Metro Parks Staff gave a brief overview of the timeline of the proposed project including proposal development in 2022 & 2023, public outreach and review during the summer and fall of 2023, and on to refinement of the proposal in the fall of 2023.

Staff then reviewed maps showing the proposed property surplus at SERA on South Tyler St. Near So. 58th St. A conceptual site plan was also shown, that noted the footprint of the proposed fire station.

Commissioner Mauer inquired about trees that may need to be cut due to the construction of the proposed fire station.

Staff commented that an urban forestry assessment was completed by staff. Staff stated that the assessment noted that general count of most of the trees that are within the footprint of the site are of a volunteer nature including Cottonwoods, Alders, most of which are in poor health and condition. According to the forestry assessment, there are some Douglas Fir and Madrona on the margins of the development site, but the station would have to be ultimately designed to know what the full impact of the footprint would be.

The floor was then open for public testimony.

President Smith noted that written comments in opposition to the surplus were received from Tim Smith, Cathie Raine, Kit Burns, Janeen Provazek and Heidi Stephens.

The following individuals addressed the Board and spoke in opposition of the proposed land surplus: Kit Burns, Tod Sharon, Heidi Stephens, & April Smith.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary