



**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 21, 2024**

PRESENT: Andrea Smith  
Matthew Mauer

REMOTE: Tim Reid  
Aaron Pointer  
Rosie Ayala

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: MPT Headquarters 4702 S. 19<sup>th</sup> St.

The meeting was called to order by President Smith at 5:30pm  
Commissioner Mauer was appointed acting clerk.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

September 20, 2024 COW Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as presented; seconded and passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT CAPITAL PROGRAM**

Shon Sylvia began the meeting by making introductions. Marty Stump and Terry Jungman were present to give the presentation. Marty Stump noted that he and members of the planning staff had met with some commissioners last week to preview the information that would be discussed today and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Marty Stump highlighted the 2023 and 2024 capital program and mentioned that the annual report for the program is now available. Several photos were shown, including those of the APCC, showcasing investments made in the community. Marty Stump then discussed the key drivers of the 2025–2026 capital program, which included recent plans, partnership projects, and the continuation of public art initiatives. He also reviewed the structure of the 2024 UTGO bond and explained how the funds are allocated within the spending plan.

Terry Jungman provided a breakdown of capital spending, categorizing the projects. He then reviewed a budget summary table for the 2025–2026 capital fund, highlighting the planned distribution of funds across major categories and noting the increase in leveraged funding. Mr. Jungman continued by breaking down the two-year capital plan in more detail, focusing on specific locations such as Point Defiance Zoo, regional parks, and community parks.

Terry Jungman then highlighted several specific projects, including Phase 2 of the Loop Trail, which will involve trail improvements and waterline upgrades. He stated that additionally, an assessment of utilities is being launched to ensure compliance with utility standards.

Commissioner Mauer raised the issue of the exemption tax, which will soon expire, and suggested that staff may want to learn more about the implications of this change.

The discussion moved to Fort Nisqually, specifically the Clerk’s House, which serves as a back-of-house facility. Mr. Jungman commented that as it is not considered historic, the structure will need to be completely torn down and replaced, with support from a State Heritage Grant. Swan Creek Projects were also mentioned, including the design of a bike and pedestrian bridge and the installation of exercise equipment at the First Creek Trailhead.

Marty Stump then provided an update on the progress at Peck Field, noting that Phase 1 will be completed in November, and Phase 2, which includes a multi-use field, is next in line. The District has also received a grant from the RCO to assist with funding. Staff commented that phases 3 & 4 are planned for the future. Commissioner Ayala inquired about the inclusion of a batting cage for TPS use to which staff confirmed that it is still part of the plan.

Marty Stump continued by discussing the Portland Avenue Park Master Plan, highlighting that Phase 1 will include a sprayground, restrooms, and playground renovations. He reminded the Board that bond funding has been matched with state funding, and the sprayground is expected to be completed by late 2026.

Staff then explained that the Stewart Heights Skate Park Phase 2 project is being funded with state funding and a modest amount of bond funding. Staff also mentioned working with the City on a downtown skate park as part of the City’s participatory budgeting process, with \$1 million in funding from the City of Tacoma, although management and funding details are still being discussed.

Terry Jungman then addressed improvements in neighborhood parks, including 26 projects. These consist of 14 CIP projects and 12 major maintenance or equity projects. He highlighted the equipment replacement at Ferry Park and spoke about the Oakland-Madrona project, which will focus on site connectivity, ADA accessibility, and playground improvements. Commissioner Mauer inquired about the possibility of adding lighting to the park for safety, which prompted a discussion about on-street lighting as a potential opportunity.

Terry Jungman also mentioned improvements at Cloverdale Park, aimed at enhancing greening and connectivity on-site, which would include playground equipment upgrades and utility and landscaping enhancements. Commissioner Ried raised concerns about trees at the park that are in poor health, and there was some discussion about irrigation improvements as well.

The six-year CIP was then addressed, with Terry Jungman noting key highlights, including the completion of the 2014 bond, emphasis on aging infrastructure, support for Climate Action Plan goals, and strategic initiatives like aging populations, community sports parks, and multi-agency partnerships. Flexibility to respond to emergent needs and preparations for a future capital bond program were also discussed. Terry also mentioned a new project from TPL that staff had recently been alerted about, and he reviewed the six-year capital funding total budget summary.

A city map related to an equity index was then reviewed by staff.

Commissioner Reid inquired about a policy regarding property disposal to non-governmental agencies. Shon Sylvia noted that staff will review the current land acquisition policy and consider whether revisions are necessary based on current needs.

Commissioner Pointer asked about the funding required to transfer Point Defiance Park to the District. Shon Sylvia explained that the current ILA with the City is in place until 2026, and sustainable revenue sources will need to be identified before the transfer can occur.

Finally, Commissioner Ayala inquired about potential legislative changes, such as Parks RX, and their potential impact on the District. Mr. Sylvia responded by stating that he would have Hunter George investigate the matter further.

## **OTHER**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Commissioner Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

## **APPROVED:**

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by:

Jennifer Bowman, Secretary