



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
August 27, 2018**

PRESENT:       Andrea Smith, President  
                  Aaron Pointer, Clerk  
                  Tim Reid  
                  Erik Hanberg  
                  Jessie Baines

IN THE CHAIR:   Andrea Smith

PLACE:           4702 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street

FLAG SALUTE:   Commissioner Hanberg

**STUDY SESSION**   TPU RATES PRESENTATION

Anita Gallagher representing TPU was present to give details on the 2019-20 rate proposals. Ms. Gallaher introduced the new Executive Director of TPU, Jackie Flowers. Ms. Gallagher briefly touched on the overreaching rate principles including: customers are billed only for costs required to run their business, rates are based on the cost to serve each customer class, TPU allocates costs fairly amongst all customers and the rate structure provides stable and predictable bills for customers. The proposed 2019/20 adjustments include 2% increase for power and 2.55% increase for water. Ms. Gallagher noted the power rate increase recovers inflationary increases in operating and capital expenses such as technology projects and enhanced cyber security. Several graphs were reviewed that illustrated that Tacoma Power's rates are competitive with others in the region. Ms. Gallagher stated that the proposed water increases would cover replacement of existing water infrastructure, technology upgrades and regulatory compliance and risk mitigation.

In order to control costs Ms. Gallagher stated that TPU will continue to look at assets and project management, creating efficiency improvement projects, and enhancing safety. Commissioner Pointer inquired about incentives for solar power. TPU staff indicated that solar generation in the northwest needed during the winter is not efficient.

Commissioner Hanberg commented that he would support the idea of MPT becoming a potential partner for TPU when looking at clean renewable power.

Commissioner Reid encouraged TPU to consider a municipal rate. Brief discussion followed about the need to recover those costs if a discounted municipal rate were in place.

Ms. Gallagher invited that Board to the Tacoma Electrical Ride and Drive event being held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lemay Museum.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Park District Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Smith at 6:00p.m.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**   None

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Smith commented that she recently was interviewed by the News Tribune and TV Tacoma. President Smith also commented about the good turnout for the public meeting regarding Portland Avenue Community Center held on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS** None**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Swan Creek Public Meeting, Thursday, August 30, 6:00pm, Salishan Family Investment Center, 1724 E. 44th St., Tacoma. The meeting is a follow-up to a July 12 public meeting and is part of a process to update the park's 2011 master plan.
- Pacific Seas Aquarium Opening Weekend , September 7 - September 9.  
The public ribbon cutting will be Friday, September 7th 9:30am

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Angila Pierce submitted a comment via email for the record re: Kandle Park Basket Ball Courts.

Linda Sliva commented that she lives behind Stewart Heights Park. She noted that a piece of property between her property and the park has recently been sold. She requested the District request an easement. She requested that any new additional information about the property be shared with her. Ms. Sliva also commented about her concerns related to weekend park use and problems with picnic shelter rentals including cars in the park, illegal parking and loud music. She suggested more coordination with Tacoma Police, improved signage, and placement of rocks to help with cars driving onto park lawns.

Matt Newport commented that he hosts monthly bike rides in Swan Creek Park. Mr. Newport further commented that after doing some research that he would like to encourage the Board to consider remaining the Park, as John Swan may not have been in good standing with tribes in the area.

Heidi White commented on the issues she has witnessed at Manito Park on weekends including use after park closing time, trucks driving on the park lawns, alcohol and drug use. Ms. White suggested the use of barriers, improved signage and better weekend supervision of the park.

Venus Dergan commented that there is a problem with weekend use in Manitou Park including vehicles in the park and loud music. She commented that the District must do something to address the misuse of the park. Ms. Dergan commented that TPD does show up when called but are often ignored.

Pennie Smith commented that she has seen an increase in park misuse in Wapato Hills Park on the weekends.

President Smith requested that staff address the concerns raised by the citizens that spoke this evening.

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. C71-18:** NW TREK BEAR FENCE INSTALLATION  
BID#: T2017-04, FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF MASSANA CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
CONTRACT #201814T/ BID#J2017-04

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

**PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS** None

**PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS** None

**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R72-18:** APPROVING AN EASEMENT TO PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING ADDITIONAL GAS LINES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE FINAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this resolution was discussed at the CIC on April 11, 2018. She noted that PSE will need this no cost easement to complete work at Meadow Park including the upgrades for gas line for heat at the driving range. The project is expected to take 10-12 weeks.

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

**SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS** None

**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hanberg comment that he is interested about learning more about the Swan Creek Park naming issue raised during citizen's comments.

Commissioner Pointer commented that he has seen park misuse not only in Tacoma but in other communities as well.

Commissioner Reid commented that staff will need to address the concerns raised at the meeting so that citizens feel safe in Tacoma's parks.

Commissioner Baines commented that he recently witnessed cars driving into areas of Jefferson Park.

Shon Sylvia commented tha he and staf will be adressing the issue and working with TPD and other resources to address the concerns raised tonight.

**ADJOURN:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary