



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 22, 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 Smith

**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 PROCLAMATION HONORING EMPLOYEE SERVICE**

Debbie Terwilleger recognized Melissa McGinnis on her 27 years of service to Metro Parks Tacoma in her roles at Fort Nisqually and Historic Assets Manger. President Smith read a proclamation in honor of Ms. McGinnis on her retirement from Metro Parks. Ms. McGinnis thanked the Board and commented briefly on her career at Metro Parks Tacoma. Board members commented on the great work done by Ms. McGinnis

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Smith commented favorably on the Fort Nisqually Burns Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held last weekend. Commissioner Reid commented that volunteers donated over 6000 of hours last year to the Fort.

**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Business & Responsive Agency Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Baines stated that the council met last on January 9th. The council discussed District year-end financials and 2018 work plan.

**Art & Heritage Advisory Council**

Commissioner Pointer indicated the committee met last week. The committee agenda included discussion on Art scopes for waterfront Phase 1, portable artwork for the Eastside Community Center, and artwork for Dickman Mill Park. The committee also elected their officers and discussed work plan for 2018.

**Joint Municipal Action Committee**

Commissioner Reid commented that chair for 2018 will be County Council Member Connie Ladenburg and Clare Petrich of the Port of Tacoma was named Vice Chair. The committee

discussed annual agenda items for future discussion. February's meeting will be a quarterly meeting to include budget status reports.

#### Greater Metro Parks Foundation

President Smith commented she attended the January GMPF Board meeting. At the meeting the board elected to set aside funding for the Eastside Community Center Endowment, with a goal of \$7M. The Because Parks Matter Lunch is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Debbie Terwilliger, Director of Planning has been appointed to serve on the Puyallup Watershed Initiative Board for a 3-year term.
- Pete Mayer, Deputy Executive Director has been appointed to the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board.
- State Capital Budget passed late last week. The Eastside Community Center was fully funded with \$2.55M in local projects and \$1.2M from the Youth Recreational Facilities grant for the B&GC portion of the building as part of the private fundraising campaign.
- Environmental Learning Center Celebration, Joint effort between TPS/SAMI and MPT planning and hosting the ELC grand opening this Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 11am-2pm. The Zoo and Fort Nisqually are offering free admission to those who show proof of Tacoma residence and photo ID.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

David Caintlin commented on the current parking conflicts on E 60th St. along Stewart Heights Park. He noted the parking along that street creates an unsafe environment as the neighbors are continuing to work with police regarding the enforcement.

Wolf Patton commented that it is essential that Portland Avenue Park continue to have safe and functional playground equipment and bathrooms.

Luetta Patton commented that she does not see specific detail related to Portland Avenue Park in the Strategic Master Plan being adopted by the Board tonight. She commented that playground at the park should be replaced with a sprayground.

Stephanie Smith commented that there are maintenance issues at Portland Avenue Park with playground equipment and fencing. Ms. Smith also commented that she has observed rusty play equipment at Cloverdale Park. She commented that equitable maintenance in the District needs to be addressed.

Curt Mehlhaff commented that he has read the meeting minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup> regarding Resolution No. R9-18. He commented that District staff has followed policy and procedures in the naming process for the park on the peninsula at Point Defiance. He further stated that the District does not need the distraction of equity politics when choices have been made that reflect current policy in this naming process.

Shon Sylvia stated that staff will look into the concerns raised during citizens comments.

#### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2017 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** None

**PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. P11-17:** APPROVAL OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. WASHINGTON CITIES INSURANCE AUTHORITY FOR PROPERTY, LIABILITY AND AUTO INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$615,787.00

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

Erwin Vidallon, Chief Financial Officer commented that this is the annual payment to WCIA for the District's insurance. He noted the WCIA has been in existence for 30 years and has over 150 members. Mr. Vidallon also stated that the MPT joined WCIA in 2008. Through WCIA the District receives services related to risk assessment, risk management, and litigation as well as access the MRSC.

President Smith commented that rates did decrease from last year. Mr. Vidallon stated it's likely they will increase once the new assets under construction are completed.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS** None

**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R12-18:** EASTSIDE TACOMA COMMUNITY CENTER ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$ 5,000,000 FROM THE CITY OF TACOMA

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

Debbie Terwilleger commented funding for the Eastside project began back in 2013. In 2015 the City provided the District with a letter of intent agreeing to contribute \$5M to the project.

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

**SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO RR10-18:** ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

This resolution was moved and seconded at the January 8, 2017 Board meeting. Commissioner Baines thanked staff for making equity such an integral piece of this plan.

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

**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Reid commented that maintenance at Portland Avenue should be addressed.

Commissioner Bines requested an update on the Tacoma sub-area plan.

**ADJOURN:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary