



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
July 9, 2018**

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

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

PLACE: 4702 South 19th Street

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Smith

STUDY SESSION TACOMA CREATES- CULTURAL ART TAX PROPOSAL

Amy McBride commented that the City Council recently voted to approve placing a cultural art sales tax on the November ballot. Courtenay Chamberlin commented that arts and culture in the city of Tacoma generates \$137 million a year in total economic activity. This spending supports 3,600 jobs, generates \$86 million in household income and creates \$14 million in local and state government revenue. In a bipartisan effort in 2015, the Washington Legislature passed a law that allows local communities to invest in their arts, culture, science and heritage by raising funds through a modest increase to the community's sales or property tax. Ms. Chamberlin further commented that State lawmakers recognized the numerous economic and educational benefits of cultural organizations that transcend politics and wanted local communities to be able to support them. She stated that Tacoma Creates builds on the significant public and private investments our community has already made in our future. Tacoma Creates would be funded by a modest sales tax increase under this 2015 state law. The Board was informed that Tacoma Creates will cost \$13 a year for the average Tacoma household, an increase to the sales tax of 0.1 percent. Ms. Chamberlin noted that sales tax increase would raise \$5 million a year in critical funding for Tacoma's arts, culture, science and heritage. The tax increase would not be permanent and would instead last seven years.

Ms. Chamberlin stated that Tacoma Creates will help improve educational outcomes for youth by supporting social and emotional growth by building on the foundations of the city's diverse arts, heritage, science, and culture programs. Tacoma Creates also complements and reinforces Tacoma's strong network of successful youth, education and equity initiatives, such as Graduate Tacoma, the early childhood learning programs at the Children's Museum, Metro Parks' Whole Child Access Pass, Communities In Schools and the community partnerships of Tacoma Public Schools.

Ms. Chamberlin commented that the City’s Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality would administer Tacoma Creates. They have the systems and processes to support arts and culture activities within the City and have experience working with non-profit and community-based organizations to administer grants, manage contract and oversee compliance in the use of public funds. A newly established committee appointed by City Council would oversee the program, including development of criteria and funding guidelines, monitoring and evaluating program results. It was stated that funds would be awarded through a competitive application process for non-profits, as either a percent of annual operating budget or for a project or program. Annual reporting of program results and evaluation to City Council would be part of the criteria. Costs to administer the program will be capped at 8% of total funds.

Commissioner Hanberg inquired who would be eligible for the funding. Ms. Chamberlin commented 501C3 organizations with an arts mission, and proven 2-year track record are eligible to apply for the funds.

Ms. McBride and Ms. Chamberlin requested that Board continue to spread the work and educate others about the tax proposal.

Board members commented that they would be likely to consider a formal endorsement in the near future.

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

RESIDENTS REPORT

President Smith commented on a youth art camp being held at and led by SOTA students.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Swan Creek Public meeting being held on Thursday July 12th 6pm, Salishan Family Investment Center
- CIC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 11th has been canceled.
- Fort Nisqually Living History Museum, Friday at the Fort featuring the Beatniks is Friday, July 20th
- The Tacoma Food Truck Fest is Sunday, July 22 at Wright Park from 10:30am-6pm. The Food Truck Fest will feature 24 food trucks, the Keep Tacoma Beered Garden and live music by Baking with Julie and Kristen Marlo. Admission is free.
- Special Olympics USA Games were held this week in Seattle. MPT had two athletes competing; Aaron Cozzie in swimming, and Andrew Fowler in track. Aaron got 4th in 25 M Backstroke, Silver in 25 M Freestyle, and Gold in 4x 25 M Freestyle Relay. Andrew took home Silver in the standing long jump, and Gold in both the 50 and 100 M race-walking events.

CITIZEN COMMENTS None

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 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. C58-18: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR JUNE 2018**

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

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. P59-18: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA**

1. WESTERN WASHINGTON BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
COMPETITIVE BASEBALL OFFICIALS IN THE AMOUNT \$70,000.00
EXCLUDING SALES TAX

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

Marina Becker commented that this additional funding is need to finish out the remainder of the contract with the umpires association for 2018. She commented that staff will be going out for bid on the contract next year.

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

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. PW60-18: PACIFIC SEAS AQUARIUM MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 FOR OAC SERVICES, INC.**

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

Marty Stump commented that Amendment 2, in the amount of \$100,125, is for specialized engineering services to evaluate concrete cracks and water leaks in tanks and for contract auditing services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. PW61-18: AUTHORIZATION FOR AMENDMENT #12 WITH ESHRICK, HOMESY, DODGE, AND DAVIS ARCHITECTS (EHDD) FOR THE AQUARIUM PROJECT AT POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM

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

Marty Stump indicated that Amendment 12, in the amount of \$107,732, is for additional construction administration services necessary due to the extended construction schedule for this project.

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

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS None

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hanberg suggested a complimentary kayak rental incentive for individuals that participate in garbage clean up on the beach. He also requested follow up on the Tacoma Yacht Club ramp issue.

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary