



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
June 25, 2018**

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

IN THE CHAIR: Andrea Smith

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

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Smith

**STUDY SESSION SUMMER PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING**

Tareena Joubert stated that under the social pillar of sustainability, youth services aims to provide healthy opportunities for young people, particularly those underserved to play, learn and grow. Leandra Shelton stated that the District is using the Youth Program Quality Intervention model as a comprehensive system for improving quality programming built around the research-validate Youth Program Quality Assessment (PQA). She explained how the model assess, plans and makes improvements. Ms. Shelton then commented on the Pyramid of Program Quality, which is rooted in four standards: safe environment, supportive environment, peer interaction and youth engagement. She noted that the pyramid reflects Maslow's hierarchy, which suggests that we all naturally seek to learn and grow but that we have needs that get in the way. She noted that in order to create conditions for youth motivation, needs for safety, belonging, and esteem must be met.

Staff commented that collective youth impact in Tacoma is due to a variety of efforts including working with Graduate Tacoma, Tacoma Public Schools, The Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, and the City of Tacoma.

Ms. Joubert and Ms. Shelton then commented on the youth opportunities during the school year and this summer. Within the area of middle school, the District served 532 students at Meeker and Destiny Middle Schools at the afterschool program this past school year. The Late Night program is currently serving middle school students as well. Late night is held at four different locations in the city. Staff commented that programs are based on location amenities and youth input. Summer Playgrounds are another program offered by the District. This year's playgrounds are being held June 18-August 24<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday, 11am-3pm. Playground sites for 2018 are Franklin Park, Wright Park, Portland Avenue, Verlo Playfield, Wapato Park, and South Park. Staff indicated that playground sites serve as locations for the USDA summer lunch program. It was noted that SERA and Titlow Park are meal sites only in the summer. Staff is projected that over 21,500 meals will be served this summer.

Summer Day camps are currently held at Titlow Park and Norpoint. Both camps follow weekly themes and extend care offerings to enhance camp experiences. Camps are being held Monday through Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Joubert then commented that the District is now also offering Counselors in Training program for teens to assist with camps. She commented that the program focuses on leadership and job readiness skills. The District is also offering specialty Camps this summer. Specialty camps include STEM based camps: Bricks 4 Kids and Coding with Kids, Babysitter Bootcamp, and Intro to Cooking. At Wapato Park an Exploration Day Camp is being offered August 6-31 in partnerships with KBTC. The camp utilizes PBS Kids Curriculum and content and Summer Access Funds to reduce financial barriers.

Staff stated that total camp offerings for 2018 are 317, an increase from last summer. The District is on track to have over 3,700 camp participants. Board members then viewed a video highlighting the youth program offerings.

Commissioner commented on the fantastic youth offerings to the community.

### **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**

Parks and Recreation Proclamation

A video highlighting the value parks and recreation brings to a community was shown. President Smith read a proclamation proclaiming July 2018 as Park & Recreation Month.

Meadow Park Golf Course

Chris Goodman was introduced and commented favorably on the partnership with the First Tee Program. Ryan Kallenberger, executive director of First Tee also commented on the success of the partnership. He commented that the program is now offered in every elementary school, five middle schools and one high school in Tacoma. Mr. Kallenberger stated that all golf camps being offered this summer are full. Mr. Kallenberger presented the Board with a plaque in recognition of the partnership.

Fort Nisqually – City of Tacoma Historic Preservation Awards

Jim Lauderdale acknowledged Allison Campbell and Dana Repp as they both recently received Historic preservation Awards from the City of Tacoma for their work at the Fort. President Smith congratulated Ms. Campbell and Ms. Repp.

### **RESIDENTS REPORT**

President Smith commented on the success of the Wapato Dock Fishing event. She thanked Cabela's for the donation of 150 fishing rods for children.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Art & Heritage Advisory Council

Commissioner Pointer commented that the council met on June 20<sup>th</sup>. At that time the council received a program presentation from Fort Nisqually Staff. Bryan Flint also gave a report on Greater Metro Parks Foundation noting that \$9M of the \$11M for Eastside Community Center has been raised. The council also learned that Cambia has donated \$120,000 for a mobile teaching kitchen for the District.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Marina Becker was introduced and recognized the following new employees: Joseph Matlock & Alex Critchlow.
- Hunter George introduced new employee Courtney Acoff
- Paul Wed introduced new employee Kelly Furtado
- Cambia has donated a mobile teaching kitchen and funding for a year’s worth of programming to the District
- Fort Nisqually Museum Supervisor, Jim Lauderdale was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Association of Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM). ALHFAM is an international organization with membership in the United States, Canada, Scotland, England, France and Iceland
- A memo regarding the new proposed cultural arts tax was distributed to the Board

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Luetta Patton commented on the many benefits of park and recreation including stress relief and social connections. She commented that it is important that the Park District not sell the Portland Avenue Community Center. She requested the District consider slowing down the process of finding a tenant for the center. She invited the Board to the neighborhood picnic being held on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Wolf Patton commented that he serves on Portland Avenue Steering Committee. He commented the District should not allow potential service providers to provide housing on the current sites footprint.

Natalie Dam invited the Board to the TEAM picnic being held in July. She commented that KWA appears to be having some difficulty filling its current senior programs in Beacon and Lighthouse facilities and urged the District to check on the status.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Reid and passed on a vote of 3-0 (Commissioners Hanberg and Baines being excused).

**CONSENT AGENDA** None

**PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS** None

**PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION NO. PW56-18: BUSINESS PROCESS REVIEW AN ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY – CONTRACT AWARD TO AMCL**

Commissioner Pointer moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger stated that staff has identified a need to replace existing ad hoc work order systems and other infrastructure related documents/processes in an effort to bring many of the independent asset management elements within Metro Parks Tacoma into alignment. The scope of services for AMCL will include, but is not be limited to, developing asset/maintenance management roadmaps and software implementation strategies; stakeholder engagement and management; evaluating organizational maturity and preparedness; gap

analysis and guiding in preparation and selection of EAM software solution. Ms. Terwilleger commented that AMCL is recognized as one of the world's leading asset management professional services firms, with a global reputation for leadership in asset management thinking and on the ground delivery.

Being no additional comments, the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 3-0 (Commissioners Hanberg and Baines being excused).

**SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS** None

**FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Smith made the following comments regarding the Portland Avenue Community Center:

I've been thinking a lot about Portland Avenue Community Center. I appreciate how thoughtful and thorough our staff has been in working with stakeholders to find the appropriate tenant for this neighborhood center. I also appreciate how important this issue is to my fellow Board members. As you may recall, we voted last summer to keep the Portland Avenue Park in our inventory. That means the park will NOT be sold. Since that vote last year, the process of seeking a tenant for the building has illuminated some additional concerns in the surrounding neighborhood — and among some Park Board members. Namely, those concerns involve the idea of including housing on-site, and the possibility of selling the building. I applaud the RFP respondents for their creativity and initiative. We asked them to think big, and they did. And there's no question that affordable housing is a critical need in this community. However, as I said, there are concerns among neighbors, and it's clear that the Park Board is not of one mind on this subject at this time. Given that, I believe we should make a policy decision this evening to take housing and a building sale OFF the table. The only caveat I offer is we should be willing to RE-consider this position in the future if new information is brought to our attention, and especially if there is a shift in the community's desire. We should always be committed to do the right thing for Tacoma residents. With that in mind, I am making the following motion for the Park Board's consideration regarding the building, which builds on last year's vote regarding the park space:

I move to instruct staff that negotiations over future uses of Portland Avenue Community Center shall not include housing or a change in ownership of the building unless or until otherwise directed by the Park Board seconded by Commissioner Pointer.

Tresa Evans thanked the Board for listening to the citizens' concerns regarding the Portland Avenue Community Center.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0 (Commissioners Hanberg and Baines being excused).

**ADJOURN:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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President

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Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary