



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 26, 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 Baines

STUDY SESSION QUARTERLY CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this update highlight first quarter of 2018 project status. A map of the 2014 Bond projects was viewed to remind the Board of projects in the capital program. A financial review highlighting spending status thus far was briefly discussed. In 2017 \$85.4M has was expended.

Ms. Terwilleger then showed a word cloud that highlighted completed projects thus far. A list of projects and associated photos currently under construction were reviewed including: Wapato Park Dock Replacement, Environmental Learning Center Trail, Conservatory Restroom Improvements, Meadow Park Golf Course Improvements, Charlotte's Blue Berry Park, Tennis Court Renovations, Browns Point Lighthouse, PDZA Aquarium and support facilities & Eastside Community Center. Staff commented that tennis court renovations are being looked at with the School District and are planned to occur after the girls' season is finished.

Ms. Terwilleger commented on the improved public engagement strategy being used, which includes open house environments in which several projects are discussed with the public. Projects currently in design were then reviewed: Dickman Mill Headsaw Renovation, Foss Waterway Parks, Ruston Way Planning including work being done with the University of Washington.

Ms. Terwilleger also noted that two master planning efforts are underway including Swan Creek and the Titlow Park. The Swan creek plan update will take into consideration all the positive improvements and major expansion of use in that park. The Titlow Planning process will also be an update that will now include the former TOA site. In addition, parking and circulation strategies for Point Defiance Park are also being reviewed. Ms. Terwilleger commented that as projects are occurring at the Point parking strategies will shift and change. Commissioner Hanberg expressed interested in having outgoing traffic at the Point being directed to assist with congestion on busy days. Staff also commented that shuttle parking will be how parking is managed for the taste of Tacoma.

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 APPRECIATION DAY

Richard Madison commented that the 17th Annual Parks Appreciation Day is occurring this year. He commented on a few accomplishment for 2017 including 600 volunteers totaling about 1800 hours of work valued a \$44,000. County-wide in 2017 2,000 people volunteered giving about 5,000 hours. Mr. Madison commneted thath Metro Parks will have ten sites this on April 21st begining at 9am . This year’s event will happen over two weekends throughout the county; April 21st and April 28th.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Smith commented positively on the recent Waterfront Open House event. She also noted she attended the farewell reception for the North Pacific Aquarium held over the weekend.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Active Lifestyle & Community Wellness Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented that at the last council meeting the adopted their 2018 work plan. They also discussed their future plans for a parks audit.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- The following new employees were introduced: Courtney Morris, Caitlin Keely, Jewels Jugum, Mason Florence, Anna Seiler, Andrea Donnelly, Jackson Skinner, Katie Anderson, Jessica Heinz, Tai Fripp, Jessica Nordstrom, McKenzie Schaffer & Carly Cerulli.
- MPT and its staff have won six awards from four organizations.
 1. We have won two awards from WRPA. Shalisa Hayes will receive the Citizen Citation of Merit for her outstanding advocacy for the Eastside Community Center. And the Elementary Sports Program won a Program Excellence Award in the Health and Wellness Category. Both awards will be celebrated during the WRPA conference banquet on May 2nd.
 2. Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation will award Melissa McGinnis the State Historic Preservation Officer of the Year award. This award will be given on May 15th.
 3. We nominated one of our volunteers, Bonnie Beaudoin, for a City of Destiny Award. Bonnie is a volunteer storyteller at the Conservatory, and we are excited to report that she will be awarded the Education and Youth Development Award. This is a new category with the City of Destiny awards. Bonnie will receive her award during the city celebration on June 22nd.
 4. Metro Parks was a major player in the development of the “Live Like the Mountain Is Out” community pride campaign. This came as a result of our membership with South Sound Together. We utilized the campaign in a number of ways, and our customers

loved it. Last week, the campaign won a program award and a best-in-show award from the Puget Sound chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

- Summer Camp Fair at the Star Center on Saturday was a great success, we signed up many families for our summer camps far exceeding registration numbers from previous camp fairs. It was a fun event with lots of activities for our visitors.
- Peaceful protest rally and march against gun violence in schools was held at People’s Park on Saturday and drew an estimated crowd of 1,300 people.
- Happy Birthday President Smith.

CITIZEN COMMENTS None

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The minutes were amended to reference that Commissioner Hanberg led the pledge of allegiance.

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

CONSENT AGENDA None

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P31-18: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. HARRINGTON INDUSTRIAL PLASTICS FOR SEAWATER SYSTEM PUMPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,341.34

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

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this purchase is in support of the Seawater Supply project at the Zoo. This change order is need to purchases additional materials to complete the project that is being done by in-house staff.

Commissioner Pointer noted the CIC has reviewed and approved this action.

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 None

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Baines noted that he has toured Ryan’s Park with Council Member Chris Beale. Commissioner Baines noted the need for a possible foot bridge over the creek. Marina Becker indicated that staff is aware of the issues associated with the creek at the park and are exploring solutions to address that need along with several other issues related to the entrance of the park.

Commissioner Pointer commented positively on the recent TV interview with Zoo Deputy Director John Houck.

Commissioner Hanberg commented that the event held at the Zoo over the weekend in honor of the closing of the North Pacific Aquarium was well done.

Commissioner Smith noted the Board’s winter summit will be held on Friday, March 30th.

Commissioner Baines stated he recently toured the Eastside Community Center and was impressed by the pool being built.

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary