



**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 30, 2018**

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

ABSENT: Jessie K. Baines, Jr.

PLACE: Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters

The meeting was called to order by President Smith at 5:30pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 16, 2018 Committee Of The Whole

Commissioner Pointer moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Hanberg. The minutes passed on a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Baines being absent).

BOARD RETREAT FOLLOW-UP

This agenda item was tabled from the previous COW meeting due to time constraints. Board members in engaged in dialogue regarding their appreciation for the candid discussion with fellow board members. Commissioner Hanberg commented that several of the communication tools introduced by the facilitator are helpful.

Board members noted that conversation at the retreat was helpful in reminding members to listen to all sides of an issue, to rely on staff for expertise in subject areas and to focus on policy. Shon Sylvia commented that staff plans help the board to address facts by providing a Board Meeting follow up communication that will clarify or address facts or provide additional information following a Board meeting.

At the Board retreat, there were several adaptive challenges that need additional board policy that were identified; Equity, Diversity & Inclusion; Cost Recovery/Community Benefit Philosophy; Capital Planning. Commissioner Hanberg commented that in the area of equity and diversity it would be helpful for the Board to have talking pints that will help the Board articulate staff's plans and direction. Commissioner Hanberg commented that he is interested in having future conversations about the cost recovery pyramid method. There was brief Board dialogue regarding cost recover versus pricing. The Board requested a future COW on the topic.

Board communication was also an area the Board talked about at the annual retreat. At that time Board members requested improved communication from the Executive Committee. President

Smith commented that moving forward notes will be published to Board members. Board members did agree that additional communications between members will improve things. Board members also talked about the need to engage with new policy makers in the community when they are elected. Mr. Sylvia commented that staff is able to assist with those introductions.

Board members commented on the need to fine tune current systems that are in place within the areas of meetings/communications. Committees and public outreach. Board members agreed that Board meeting decorum around citizen comments has room for improvement. Commissioner Hanberg requested that the board revisit current committee charters. He suggested that perhaps the CIC could be looking at higher policy level issues rather than just pre-approving change orders. The Board requested a future COW on committees. Board members agreed that public outreach is much improved. Son Sylvia commented that the District wants to continue to improve its outreach in areas where vulnerable populations are concerned.

OTHER

The Board agreed that since the Board meeting on May 28th will be canceled due to Memorial Day they wish to hold a COW on Tuesday the 30th at 5:30pm.

Commissioner Pointer asked about the status of RCO grants. Shon Sylvia noted that staff has had some informal meetings with RCO staff to discuss applications and approach for successful grant requests.

Board members commented on the program offerings of the FAB program.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, President Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by:
Jennifer Bowman, Secretary