
**BUSINESS & RESPONSIVE AGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

MISSION STATEMENT

This Council advises and makes recommendations to the programs and operations of
Metro Parks Tacoma concerning financial management and business practices.

Metro Parks Tacoma
4702 S 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98405
November 13, 2018

Present: Doug Andreassen, Zachary Christin, Jen Drake, Don Golden, Johnny Mojica, Derrick Nunnally, Noreen Plum, Blake Smith
Absent: Jeff Albers, Elizabeth Pebley
Staff: Julie Wilfong
Board Liaison: Commissioner Baines - Absent
Guest: Marty Stump - Capital Program Design & Construction Manager, Peter Kram

SUMMARY

Marty Stump presented an update on the Bond Capital Projects.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m.

MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

No update was given.

DESTINATION POINT DEFIANCE UPDATE

No update was given.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) UPDATE

The Planning & Development Department is in the development process for the next two years and is preparing a presentation for the Board of Park Commissioners for later this evening. We put together a sheet with the potential projects that may happen within the next two years.

The Capital Program was formed from the 2014 Bond, it also allows Metro Parks to leverage additional funds from grants the State and Federal agencies. The Capital Program syncs up to Metro Parks Mission Led Comp Plan (MLCP) and the Strategic Master Plan. Both plans are on a 6-year cycle, while the Capital Plan is on a 2-year cycle.

Marty Stump is part of the Capital Design and Development team that consists of five Project Managers and four Project Coordinators who look at the capital program and long-range program. The spending rate which is due to the sequencing of the projects, had an early spike in the capital delivery, due to three of the larger projects that were started immediately. These projects include, Eastside Community Center (ECC), the Pacific Seas Aquarium and Waterfront Phase I (WPI). WPI is scheduled from completion in 2019. Currently our rate of spending will taper down. The next two years will focus on Regional Parks, Community & Neighborhood Parks, Open Space & Trails, System Efficiencies and Waterfront Parks.

Regional Parks consist of Point Defiance Park, Waterfront Parks and Swan Creek. Peter Kram asked why was Swan Creek considered a Regional Park? Marty Stump responded, regional parks are defined by land size and number of amenities. There is roughly about 300 acres in Swan Creek that makes it Metro Parks second park. There is a Master Plan for Swan Creek to make this a destination park that is still in the planning phase.

Don Golden asked if Metro Parks receives any funding from Pierce County. Marty Stump responded, the park is right up on the City/County boundary and some portions of the park are owned by Pierce County. Metro Parks has recently partnered with Pierce County to build a new pedestrian bridge over Swan Creek. Metro Parks contributed \$100,000 to the project and had gotten some money back.

Doug Andreasson asked if any of the park property was considered tribal land. Peter Kram responded the tribal land was to the north and not the south where the park is located from Pioneer. The additional question was asked if there was any tribal funding for enhanced fishery. Marty Stump responded they may be as they are taking part in the master planning.

Currently there are 65+ active projects for Metro Parks. Several projects completed to date are:

- Brown's Point Lighthouse ADA Improvements
- Blueberry Park Improvements
- Point Defiance Marina Boathouse Elevator Project
- Eastside Community Center
- New Aquarium at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium

Dickman Mill Park received a private donation that will go towards the Headsaw Project.

Owen Beach received a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) that will go towards the picnic pavilion and restrooms. Both projects are currently in design phases.

There are two parks in design phase that are located on the Foss Waterway. Central Park also known as the Melanie Jan LaPlant Dressel Park and Waterway Park. Waterway Park will be located on the property that was known as the Berg Scaffolding building. Metro Parks is working on a Business & Operations plan with an outside consultant.

Two parks that are currently in a Master Plan phase are Titlow Park and Swan Creek Park. The focus at Swan Creek will be on the Lister uplands that has a lot of mountain bike activity. At Titlow Park, the focus would be a new use of the former Tacoma Outboard Association (TOA) building, plus the ongoing work at the lagoon with the Salmon Enhancement Group for salmon habitat. Within the next year Metro Parks will do structural removal of the buildings and eventually remove the fencing to provide access of the area to the public.

As the Planning & Development Department work on the 2019-20 Capital Improvement Plan, the plan will consist of 50+ continuing projects that began during the 2017-18 biennium, 40+ new projects and a new Asset Management System for the District. The of the projects will be \$54 Million versus \$134 Million spent in the last two years. This is a significant reduction in cost for the projects.

Doug Andreasson asked if the 2019-20 Capital Plan completes the use of the 2014 Bond funds and Marty Stump responded, no. The Bond funds will be spent down in 2024-25.

Don Golden asked what was to become of the Portland Avenue property. Marty Stump and Erwin Vidallon responded, a Park Board Resolution was approved and the building will be leased to the Korean Women Association (KWA). They will do some tenant improvements to maintain the building and the green space will be maintained by the Metro Parks. KWA will provide programming for the surrounding community.

Zachary Christin asked how easy is it for Metro Parks to partner with the City of Tacoma for the 1% of the Arts project funding. Marty Stump responded Metro Parks is working with Amy McBride the Arts Manager for the City of Tacoma to help manage Metro Parks own 1% for the arts fund under contract. Metro Parks has a 2-year Art Plan that has an approved budget.

There is funding in the Capital Plan for improvements at Meadow Park Golf Course for foundation improvements within the building structures. There is funding for the driving range improvements and lighting and an engineering assessment for the pedestrian bridge.

A question was asked of what is the long-term viability of the golf course as many golf courses are closing? Erwin Vidallon stated Metro Parks will keep it as golf course, but will need to take a closer look at programming and the relationship with the First Tee. The improvements at the driving range and the Glow Ball event were successful, but there is more that needs to be done.

Metro Parks has funds from the 2005 Bond for the Heidelberg Sports Complex. There is a feasibility study phase with the City of Tacoma, Joint Venture Group with the Rainiers and Sounders and Metro Parks to look at the area for development proposal of a stadium to be used by the Sounders S2. There could be a mix-use development that could become a sports village on property owned by the City of Tacoma and Metro Parks.

MEETING SUMMARY AND FOLLOW-UP

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 2018, Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters Building, main conference room.

ADJOURNED

The meeting ended at 8:50 a.m.

Approved:

Submitted by: Julie Wilfong