



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 11, 2019**

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

EXCUSED: Jessie Baines

IN THE CHAIR: Aaron Pointer

PLACE: MPT Headquarters

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Smith

STUDY SESSION

Kate Larsen, Director of Tacoma Public Libraries began the presentation by reviewing a brief history of the library system in Tacoma. She spoke of its growth, expansion, renovations and closures since 1881. Ms. Larsen state that the system currently has 8 locations offering 40 hours per week of service. It was stated that two microlibraries are planned, one being at Eastside Community Center. The organizational structure includes a Board of Trustees and just over 100 full time staff. Ms. Larsen stated that libraries are supporting the Tacoma 2025 goals as adopted by the City of Tacoma which include digital equity & access, access to the library, education & workforce development, community needs and, equitable service delivery.

Ms. Larsen thanked the Park District for their efforts to partner with the libraries. She noted that need to continue to partner in the community.

The Board was then informed about the public outreach the libraries have done over the past several months to lean outward to engage community about meeting their needs. As a result of the meetings the community recognized and ranked the following as important needs: safety, housing, affordability, inclusivity, transportation, education, civic engagement, food insecurity, healthcare cultural activities.

Ms. Larsen then briefly highlight the libraries accomplishments related to funding, operational and system efficiencies.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Park District Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Pointer at 6:00p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Pointer commented that he recently met with the editorial board regarding the District's efforts around environmental issues.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Active Lifestyle & Community Wellness Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented that the committee met on February 28th. Agenda items included approval of their 2019 work plan, and a budget presentation by Marina Becker.

Joint Municipal Action Committee

Commissioner Reid commented that Norm Gollub of the Foss Water Way Development Authority briefed the committee on the current planning efforts and parks related to the Foss. The committee also received an update on the City's sub-area plan.

Commissioner Reid stated that he attended the EDB annual meeting last week where the District received awards for the new Aquarium and the Eastside Community Center.

Zoo Liaison Committee

Commissioner Smith commented that at the last meeting the committee received information on Zoo & Trek attendance. The committee also learned that an additional 60 parking spaces are being made available in the gravel lots for zoo parking. Commissioner Smith also stated that the committee was informed that the North Pacific Aquarium will be drained and evaluated by mid-summer and the South Pacific Aquarium does need some maintenance. Staff also shared that wolverines will be moving into the coyote space at NW Trek and that Bald Eagle exhibit is now on its second round of bids. Commissioner Smith commented that the Zoo Society will be hold several smaller events this year include a lunch in May and Zoo Booze in October. She also noted that the NW Trek Foundation's annual fundraising dinner is being held May 4th at the Sportsman Club.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Alan Varsik introduced the following new employees: Zack Hawn, Russell Hoptowit & Brooke Pertile.
- The District learned last week that we will receive three honors at next month's WRPA conference in Vancouver. Winter Wonderland will receive a Spotlight Program Excellence Award in the category of Innovative Programming The Eastside Community Center will receive a Spotlight Facility Award in the category of Indoor Spaces and finally, Vito Iacobazzi will be honored with a well-deserved Distinguished Service Award.
- Staff heard the concerns brought forward by Board members at the February 25th Board meeting related to the correctional industries purchasing item. Staff is researching and gathering additional information and will prepare a report for the Board in preparation for a future COW meeting.
- Fort Nisqually Living History Museum learned of much-awaited news late last week – achieving accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums. This prestigious honor brings national recognition to the Fort for its commitment to excellence, high professional standards and continued institutional improvement.
- The District has been awarded the GFOA's award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2017.

CITIZEN COMMENTS NONE**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

CONSENT AGENDA**RESOLUTION NO. C22-19:** APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR FEBRUARY 2019**RESOLUTION NO. C23-19:** APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BUSINESS AND RESPONSIVE AGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Reid and passed on a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Baines being excused).

Commissioner Reid thanked advisory council appointees for their volunteer time. Commissioner Smith noted that appointee name in the memo did not match the name in the resolution. Staffed noted the name in the resolution was correct.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. P24-19:** AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICE FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES FOR SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,000 FOR 2019 & 2020
2. ALLIED UNIVERSAL FOR SECURITY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,000 FOR 2019 & 2020

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Alan Varsik commented that these are two annual purchases. He noted that staff is pleased with the services and value provide by the two vendors. Mr. Varsik stated that he security services are for afterhours.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed as amended on a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Baines being excused).

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. PW25-19:** POINT DEFIANCE VIEW POINTS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS/LOOP TRAIL PROJECT A/E CONTRACT AWARD TO BCRA INC.

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Ms. Terwilleger commented that this resolution was reviewed by the CIC on February 27th . She commented that the contract comes as a result of the traffic and circulation study.

Staff stated that through the planning and with grant funding from the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office (RCO), the Loop Trail and Viewpoints project was developed. This Loop Trail is to be a shared-use trail for pedestrians and bicyclists, and will be separated from the vehicular road network. This shared-use trail will connect to the new roundabout at the Pearl Street entrance, the Wilson Way bridge landing within the Park, and the neighborhood. Project completion is scheduled for December 2021.

Being no additional comments the question was called and the resolution passed on a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Baines being excused).

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS None

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner requested a future COW for the purpose of discussing the District’s purchasing policy.

Commissioner Pointer commented on the great youth participation at Eastside Community Center.

Commissioner Smith requested additional information on the Districts MWBE metrics.

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary