



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 8, 2019**

PRESENT: Aaron Pointer, President
Tim Reid, clerk
Andrea Smith
Jessie Baines

EXCUSED: Erik Hanberg

IN THE CHAIR: Aaron Pointer

PLACE: MPT Headquarters

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Reid

STUDY SESSION

Wildlife Champions Program

Craig Standridge was introduced by Alan Varsik. Mr. Standridge stated that Tacoma Public Schools and The Point Defiance Zoo are collaborating on a project aimed at improving empathy in children for animals and nature through school science classes. Staff noted that this a grant funded program that is being housed at Arlington Elementary School in Tacoma. Mr. Standridge spoke about the level of curriculum development by both Metro Parks staff, and teachers and administrators at the school. Staff commented that the grant covers, staff salaries, program materials, outdoor clothing for the children, tablets, & tools. Mr. Standridge also explained the monthly themes and how classroom and outdoor time is spent each month. Arlington Elementary School Vice Principal Ronnie Fullerton spoke about the success of the partnership and the results he has witnessed through students. Board Members commented that they were impressed with the program and urged staff to continue to look for ways to sustain this program for multiple years and possibly multiple schools.

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.

Commissioner Reid moved to excuse Commissioner Hanberg, seconded by Commissioner Baines and passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Tacoma Economic Development Board Excellent 10 Awards

Jenn Adrien representing the Economic Development Board presented the Board with two awards, one for the new Aquarium and one for the Eastside Community Center. She noted that the Excellent 10 Awards are to recognize the ten projects that have made a significant impact on the Pierce County economy.

PRESIDENTS REPORT None**STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Active Lifestyle & Community Wellness Advisory Council

Commissioner Reid commented that the committee met on March 28th. Agenda items included a Level of Service Study and Strategic Plan update from Joe Brady. The next meeting will be held at Dune Park.

Metro Parks. City of Tacoma Policy Committee

Commissioner Reid stated that the committee met on March 29th. Items discussed included joint DEI efforts, Gas Station Park, Level of Service Study, Hilltop Community Meeting follow up, and the efforts of interagency coordinating committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- This past week the WCC crews were able to brush, widen and gravel 800 linear feet of trail between Narrows and Bridges Viewpoints. The crews also installed 120 linear feet of split rail fence and began decommissioning more than 1,000 linear feet of unofficial trails. Trail work will continue throughout this week. 136 linear feet of fencing was added to existing fencing at the Gig Harbor Viewpoint where the last slide occurred.
- Last April Luiso lights had a successful exhibition in the W.W. Seymour Conservatory that brought in over 250 mostly new visitors. This weekend we will continue the tradition with Luiso and have local light artists who will use the plants as canvases and transform the Conservatory into a whole new world. There will be a 21+ on Friday April 12 with drinks and a DJ which will be followed by a family night on Saturday.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jackie Jones-Hook commented on a Labor Day event being hosted by the Buffalo Soldiers Museum. Event includes a baseball game that will occur at Heidelberg Field Complex. She requested the District waive the fees for this community event.

Sarah Luna representing the South Sound Military Partnership spoke in support of the Buffalo Soldiers Labor Day Event.

Board members commented that they recognize the impact of the military in our community.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA**RESOLUTION NO. C28-19: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS CLAIM FUND FOR MARCH 2019**

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

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P29-19: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICE FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. MERLINO MEDIA GROUP FOR MEDIA BUYING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$695,000 FOR 2019
2. LAMAR ADVERTISING FOR BILLBOARD AND TRANSIT ADVERTISING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 FOR 2019
3. KAMMIE MCARTHUR /ANDY NORDFORS FOR CREATIVE SERVICES/ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000 FOR 2019

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

Alan Varsik commented that these are annual purchases. He noted that staff is pleased with the services and value provide by the vendors. Mr. Varsik commented that these purchase take care of TV/Digital, billboard and creative adverting services for the Zoo and NW Trek.

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

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

Commissioners Reid and Baines requested staff following up with the Buffalo Soldiers Museum.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary