



NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL APRIL MINUTES

Thursday, April 14, 2016
Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters
4702 S 19th St Tacoma, WA 98405
Board Room
5:30 PM

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016

Attendees: Anthea Aasen, Lauren Anderson, Chris Beale, Nick Carr, Liz Collins, Ryen Godwin, Morgan Ireland, Leslie Ann Rose, Liz Satterthwaite, Jessica Stone

Board Liaison: Commissioner Smith

Staff: Mary Anderson, Joe Brady, Michele Cardinaux, Doreen Klaaskate

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM

February minutes were approved – first by Chris Beale, seconded by Ryen Godwin.

BOARD REPORT:

Commissioner Smith informed the Council that the contract for the aquarium has been approved and a contractor had been selected for the Eastside Community Center.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT:

Mary Anderson told the Council that the Friends of Pt Defiance were seeking volunteers. Summer camp registrations are coming up. Kids Trek is now open, and Parks Appreciation Day is April 23rd. A brief discussion was held that introduced Mary as the interim Natural Resources Manager as Joe Brady has stepped into an Executive Cabinet position. Joe gave an overview of his new role as Chief Strategy Officer and stated that one of the first items he will be working on is a city-wide trails plan.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

Mission Led Comprehensive Plan

Joe gave the Council an update on the plan as it pertains to nature and environment. The MLCP is an active plan which is reviewed and renewed every six years. A recent survey regarding District programs found that 96% of respondents responded that the District is meeting their needs. The three Mission Led program areas are:

- Active and Community Wellness
- Nature and Environment
- Culture and Heritage

Programs are looked at in each of the District's four quadrants. After further review, it seems that the NW quadrant is too large. Quadrant areas may have to be shifted. The Council has until the end of April to comment. Chris Beale inquired if the District's has looked into partnering of other agencies and non-profits. Joe stated that they have.

Parks Appreciation Day/Natural Area Volunteerism

Mary told the Council that Parks Appreciation Day is in its 15th year. The District is preparing a campaign to expand on the CHIPIn! Program at various locations and trying to bring in more volunteers. Mary asked for recommendations from the Council on groups to partner with. The need for a full time WCC was mentioned.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

It was mentioned that the District currently has many internship opportunities which can be found at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/metroparkstacoma/default.cfm>.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM