



## **NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL JULY MINUTES**

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Titlow Park  
8425 6th Ave.  
Picnic Shelter  
5:30 PM

**Date:** Thursday, July 15, 2016

**Attendees:** Anthea Aasen, Liz Collins, Ryen Godwin, Liz Satterthwaite, Jessica Stone, Luis Yanez, Maria Jost

**Board Liaison:** Commissioner Smith

**Staff:** Michele Cardinaux, Tom Dargan, Doreen Klaaskate

**Guest:** William Collier

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM

May and June minutes were tabled due to lack of quorum.

### **BOARD REPORT:**

Commissioner Smith informed the Council the Board had approved a change order to Waterfront Phase I. The groundbreaking for the new aquarium was on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **STAFF LIAISON REPORT:**

Michele Cardinaux gave the Council an update of events taking place throughout the District. The Pt. Defiance aquarium, Waterfront Phase I, Peninsula Park, and the Learning Center are all under construction throughout the summer. Peoples Pool grand opening is scheduled to open this Fall, The baseball championships were held at Cheney Stadium with 150 teams. Food Truck Fest is scheduled for next weekend, and Ethnic Fest the week after that.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

None at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Titlow Park Restoration for Salmon Recovery**

Tom Dargan, Project Manager, gave the Council a brief summary of the move of the greenhouses at Pt. Defiance to the Tacoma Landfill in partnership with the City of Tacoma. A new greenhouse will be built at the new location and the ancillary structures will be moved from their Pt. Defiance location to the Tacoma Landfill. The project is scheduled to be completed by December 1, 2016. The facility will not be open to the public, but that could change at a later date.

Tom discussed the plans for salmon habitat restoration at Titlow Park. A new bridge will be built and the lagoon expanded to about twice its size as it was historically. Kay's House will be removed which will allow removal of utilities and concrete bulkheads which will allow for restoration of the beach.

**Action Item: The Council will be emailed an aerial of the original lagoon.**

**Titlow Park Habitat Restoration/UW REN**

William Collier discussed his habitat restoration work at the Park and took the Council on a tour.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

There will be a group potluck at Wapato in August.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM