



NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL JANUARY MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Tacoma Nature Center
1919 S Tyler St
Tacoma WA, 98405
5:30 PM

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017

Attendees: Ryan Dicks, Ryen Godwin, Liz Satterthwaite, Jessica Stone, Luis Yanez, Maria Jost, Morgan Ireland, Anthea Aasen, Jennifer Stebbings, Joey Henderson, Chris Beale, Nicholas Carr
SAMI students: Gabe Symer and Bailey Wood

Staff: Michele Cardinaux, Mary Anderson, Marina Becker

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Minutes were not available for review.

BOARD REPORT:
No Board Report

STAFF LIAISON REPORT:

Mary Anderson gave the Council an update of events taking place throughout the District. The District is soliciting input for 2 online surveys related to separate projects at Point Defiance Park. The first is a "parking and traffic" survey, the second survey involves a project to make improvements to Owen Beach. You can find both surveys at www.DestinationPointDefiance.org. We are preparing to add public restrooms to the Conservatory at Wright Park, public informational meeting being held at HQ tonight, design available at www.ConservatoryFuture.org.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Marina Becker asked the council if there were any questions about budget documents sent out in December, since the December meeting was cancelled. Ryan had some questions about impacts from increases in medical premiums and pension funding. She noted she would be leaving the Nature and Environment Council meeting early to attend part of the Conservatory meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Work Plan Discussion 2017 – Park Operations and Capital Projects

Mary Anderson gave an overview of work plan goals for the Natural Resources group for 2017, including information on relocating the off-leash dog area to a new dog park location at Swan Creek Park. The group reviewed planned bond improvements for 2017 and planning initiatives that will be appropriate for Nature and Environment Council comment and recommendations. Titlow Park master plan update was discussed.

Mary will use this discussion to formulate a draft work plan for the Council. SAMI students will be scheduled for project presentations when they are available.

Overview of Programming 2017 – Tacoma Nature Center

Michele Cardinaux presented an update on onsite and offsite programs available at the Nature Center. She highlighted Nurture in Nature Preschool, Home School Science offerings, Outdoor Adventures, field trips, Family Nature Walks, Pier Peer, etc..

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Kick-off meeting for Friends of Wapato Park will be held at the Wapato Park Pavilion on February 8th, 6:00-7:30pm. Wapato Park will also be the subject of the next Green Drinks that will be held February 2nd at The Edison Alehouse.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM