



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

Thursday, February 9, 2017

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

**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2017

**Attendees:** Ryan Dicks, Jessica Stone, Luis Yanez, Maria Jost, Jennifer Stebbings, Chris Beale  
SAMI student: Jackson Sledge

**Staff:** Michele Cardinaux, Mary Anderson, Marina Becker, Joey Furuto

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

Minutes were not approved for lack of a quorum.

**BOARD REPORT:**  
No Board Report

**STAFF LIAISON REPORT:**  
Mary Anderson gave the Council an update of events taking place throughout the District. MPT is continuing to hold public meetings and is accepting public input on the Point Defiance Circulation Plan.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**  
No Director's report was given

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**Wapato Park Alum Treatment**

Joey Furuto talked about the Alum treatment planned for Wapato lake in late April or early May. The purpose of the treatment is reduction of available phosphorus in the water column thereby reducing the likelihood of toxic algae blooms during warm weather. Herrera Environmental Consultants are recommending rates and application methods to minimize any undesirable consequences such as fish kill.

**Wapato Park Dock Replacement Project**

Joey updated the council on the dock replacement project at Wapato Park. The dock at the south end of the lake will be replaced to enable juvenile fishing, and the dock adjacent to the pavilion will be designed to facilitate several different uses including: fishing, rentals, small watercraft launching. This project will not commence until Fall 2017.

### **Wapato Lake WTR study status**

Joey provided a status update on the use of Water Treatment Residuals to help reduce available phosphorus in the water in the north lagoon. MPT is working with COT Environmental Services on the second phase of a feasibility study. Results from this Spring and Summer will inform the direction of this program.

### **Nature and Environment Council Work Plan**

Mary Anderson solicited and received feedback on the proposed Council work plan.

### **SAMI PRESENTATION:**

Jackson Sledge from the Science and Math Institute presented a report out on his senior project. Jackson's project involves procuring and distributing small trees to citizens to plant in their yards and open spaces. Along with trees he provides education on best planting and establishment practices and on planting appropriate species in appropriate places.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40.