



## **NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017 MINUTES**

Metro Parks Headquarters  
4702 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma WA, 98405  
5:30 PM

**Attendees:** Ryan Dicks, Jessica Stone, Jennifer Stebbings, Morgan Ireland, Anthea Aasen  
SAMI student: Jackson Sledge  
SAMI Liaison: Maria Jost

**Staff:** Mary Anderson, Karen Povey

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM

**Minutes:**  
Minutes From January and February meetings were approved.

**BOARD REPORT:**  
No Board Report

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
Karen Povey, Conservation Engagement Manager, from Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium shared the high level views and changes that are going on within Metro Parks relating to the conservation initiatives and a few of the big projects. She stated that the zoo was fortunate to get funding with 2 separate grants, one is a collaboration with Woodland Park Zoo to study how we build empathy in kids towards animals and the other is for programming.

Karen stated that the Washed Ashore Exhibit is coming up. It is a traveling exhibit with 10 sculptures made out of actual trash scavenged from the beaches of Oregon. She stated that this will be a great way to tell the story of ocean plastic pollution. The exhibit opens on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be there through October.

Karen stated that they are doing a pilot program and asking field trip students to pack a completely disposable lunch. She stated that they are doing this as a challenge so classes can earn prizes including visits from animals to their classroom.

Karen talked about the construction of the new aquarium and stated that the aquarium will expose people to the amazing wonders beneath the water and get people to care about it.

**STAFF LIAISON REPORT:**

Mary updated staff on:

The alum treatment will probably be the first week of May now.

Metro Parks has web-sites where you can go on to volunteer for the event run.

Parks Appreciation Day is coming up on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, she distributed some flyers.

Native Plant Sale is coming up in May at the Nature Center.

Mary provided Go Guides and summer camp information.

At the end of April, there will be a Fitness & Wellness conference at the STAR Center.

Bond Projects: Waiting on permits

Having a Kids tree climb in the bowl area at Point Defiance Park this year and will run from 10:00 am. to 1:00 p.m. on April 22

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

No Director's report was given.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Titlow Master Plan Update:**

Mary stated that we are about to engage on our visioning process for the Hidden Beach/TOA and the north woods area. Have placed No Trespassing signs up around TOA until a long term plan has been decided. People can still get in at low tide if they come in at the beach direction. Will probably have the first meeting late May or early June. Mary stated that she would like this whole group to participate in that process. Mary stated that they are looking at rerouting the trail due to the bank erosion.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Earth Day  
March for Science - downtown  
Citizens for a healthy Bay is doing the annual stewardship event

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY

Committee members nominations