

Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Council  
April 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes (draft)

I. Roll Call

Present:

Council Members Brian Looper, Preston Childs, Meagan Kula, Janet Whaley, Emily Russell, Ron Harpel, Darren Campbell, Will Taplin, and William Privett.

Staff: Commissioner Reid, Bob Houston, Joey Furuto, Mary Anderson

II. Program and Facilities Updates

- A. Bob: The Opening Day Race with the Rainiers was a great success. 150 teams are starting baseball this week. The Maintenance department has been working overtime to get everything ready. There are several positions open in Recreation at MPT. Joey and Mary Tuttle will be staffing the ALCW Advisory Committee with Bob moving to his new job.
- B. Joey: The weather is causing problems for maintenance, the ground has been too soft with all of the rain and so they can't get their machines out there. The bathrooms have come back online after the winter around Tacoma. On May 9<sup>th</sup> Wapato park will be closed for the Alum Treatment of the lake. MPT has done a ton of outreach regarding the treatment and has received very little community feedback, supposedly because the community trusts MPT to act in our best interest. The treatment is necessary to control algae blooms in the lake. The Wright Park bridge has been installed but is not open yet. There are little slits on either side of the bridge that could potentially be a safety hazard. MPT is looking for rubber fill options.
- C. Commissioner Reid: MPT ended with a surplus of funds. A request has been submitted by the Tacoma Police Chief to rename one of the roads on MPT property to honor an officer killed in the line of duty. The board confirmed Janey Whaley to the ALCWAC. MPT has developed a new map with all of the parks as an information guide for the community.

III. Swan Creek Natural Resources Area: Mary Anderson

A. Mary provided a detailed history of Swan Creek Park to the committee. It was initially a logging property, became a WWII housing center, and is now a multi-use park for the community. In 2008 the nearby housing development was finished and there was interest in improving the park. In 2011 the master use plan was completed. This plan includes a 5 mile mountain bike park, an organic garden, and hiking trails by the creek. The mountain bike trails were started in 2012 and are currently being finalized. The creek trails have been cleaned up and improved to support increased traffic. Many Outdoor Adventure programs and other events have taken place in the park.

IV. Old Business

A. Meagan: Safe Routes to Parks stakeholders are coming together. Walk Tacoma is holding an event at the Post office downtown from Noon to One. In May it will be the brewery walk – meeting at the UWT stairs. Always rain or shine, first Wednesday of the month April through September.

V. New Business

A. This is the last meeting with Bob, we thank him very much for his guidance and leadership.

VI. Good of the Order

A. Next Meeting: Thursday May 25 at 6:30 in Main Conference Rm.

VII. Adjournment