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**BUSINESS & RESPONSIVE AGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

This Council advises and makes recommendations to the programs and operations of  
Metro Parks Tacoma concerning financial management and business practices.

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Metro Parks Tacoma  
4702 S 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98405  
September 12, 2017

**Present:** Jeff Albers, Aaron Blaisdell, Su Dowie, Peter Kram, Johnny Mojica, Noreen Plum, Dan Powell  
**Absent:** Don Golden  
**Staff:** Erwin Vidallon, Julie Wilfong  
**Board Liaison:** Commissioner Baines  
**Guest:** Joe Brady

**SUMMARY**

Joe Brady presented the MPT Strategic and Master Plan.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

The June 13, 2017 minutes were approved as written.

**RECRUITMENT UPDATE**

Erwin Vidallon, new Chief Financial Officer was introduced to the council by Aaron Blaidell. Erwin has 27 years of public services and prior to joining Metro Parks, he was the Chief Financial Officer for the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. He also worked with the Washington State Investment Board first as the Finance and Budget Director, then as an Investment Officer and served as the Chief Finance Officer for Western State Hospital.

**DESTINATION POINT DEFIANCE UPDATE**

No update was given.

**MPT STRATEGIC & MASTER PLAN**

Joe Brady, Chief Strategy Officer is visiting each Advisory Council, Neighborhood groups and various community members to encourage their participation and involvement with the Strategic and Master Plan update for Metro Parks. The Master Plan is updated every 6 years and a new plan is due in 2018.

Su Dowie asked if Metro Parks works with the City of Tacoma on the Work Plan and Joe Brady responded no, as this Master Plan is outside of the Interlocal and Memorandum of Understanding agreements with the City of Tacoma. Metro Parks would have to do an enormous amount of work on partnership agreements with the City of Tacoma for these work plans.

Two reasons for the 6 year plan is validation of Metro Park's vision, mission and values and the second reason is it is a requirement for the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to receive State grants. We must show a plan on how we will take care of our assets, and this is also a National Accreditation requirement.

Metro Parks' performance measures are based on figures to tell its story. Surveys will be conducted using the same methodology to be able to build a base for data to be compared.

Joe Brady will come back in October or November to update the councils and groups on the work that has been done for the Strategic & Master Plan.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Erwin Vidallon reported the July financials were reviewed and the General Fund is gearing up for the summer programs around the District. Currently attendance for the Enterprise funds that include the Point Defiance Zoo and Meadow Park Golf Course are being effected by weather and the smoke from fires in the area.

**MEETING SUMMARY AND FOLLOW-UP**

**NEXT MEETING**

Tour of Waterfront Phase I, date to be determined.

**ADJOURNED**

The meeting ended at 9:00 a.m.

Approved:

Aaron Blaisdell, Chair

Submitted by: Julie Wilfong