



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

**May 29, 2019
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Attendees: Commissioner Hanberg, Commissioner Baines

Staff Support: **Marty Stump**, Deputy Director - Planning Department; **Kristi Evans**, CIP Program Manager - Community & Neighborhood Parks; ; **Roger Stanton**, CIP Program Manager- Regional Parks & Zeed; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Project Status

- Commissioner Hanberg inquired about any updates to the NW Trek Bald Eagle project's sculpture. Marty reported nothing has been finalized yet, adding there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to discuss the sculpture's design and location. Any updates will be reported back to this group.

Action Items

Pt Defiance Waterfront Phase 1 - OAC Services, Inc. Contract Amendment No. 7

- This resolution authorizes a contract amendment to OAC Services for the Point Defiance Waterfront Phase 1 Project in the amount of \$ 201,303.51. OAC has been providing Metro Parks with project management support services, assisting with the GC/CM delivery method/application and approval for this project.
- Roger explained this amendment will hopefully carry Metro Parks through to the end of the project. He noted that over half the costs are for legal services.
- Commissioner Hanberg asked if legal fees are being marked up by OAC. Roger reported this is unlikely. He will double check and report back at a future meeting. He added that OAC has been very valuable to this project, noting the legal team they selected is very knowledgeable.
- Commission Baines added he was impressed with how quickly the Pacific Seas Aquarium project was closed out. Marty noted the contractor was incentivized to move forward, adding some warranty work still needs to happen including the roof this summer
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Discussion Items

Swan Creek Phase II Improvements 100% Schematic Design

- Kristi reported 100% schematic designs will now be present at future CIC meetings as part of a newly updated project process. In the past only 100% design development plans was presented.

- She continued by presenting the 100% schematic design plans for the Swan Creek Phase II project that were created the consultant (Mithun). She noted some design elements from the previous Upland Master plan were incorporated. In addition, historical elements of the area are being taken into consideration, mentioning Native American history, logging, and World War 2 housing. She reported that renderings have been received well, including the Puyallup Tribe.
- Phase II will include parking and arrival improvements, a dog park, shelters, and trail renovations through a RCO grant. Interpretive signage is being discussed right now. It was mentioned a few roads will be removed and replaced with planting pockets and trails will be reduced to 20 feet to accommodate 'side porch' plats. In addition, pause n' play areas with planting pockets will be interspersed throughout.
- Commissioner Hanberg asked if cyclocross will still be available. Kristi report yes, noting that current activities won't be displaced.
- A Steering Committee meeting is planned for June 11th followed by a public meeting the end of June to present 50% design development plans. Construction is planned for next summer with final completion March of 2021.
- Commissioner Hanberg questioned an existing road, noting a planned turnaround is not open to the neighborhood. It was reported we are working with the neighbors on this issue.
- Both commissioners liked the project's current direction.

Owen Beach Improvements 100% Design Development

- Kristi led a discussion on the proposed 100% design development plans for the Owen Beach Improvement project. Changes were incorporated that make the bathhouse more Kayak friendly, along with upgrades to the concession stand and the parking lot. Buildings were moved back to account for future projected sea-level rise. She added this project includes an RCO grant.
- Perspective drawings were presented and discussed.
 - The planned playground will have a beachy theme, mentioning possible rubber tile safety surfacing that can be replaced.
 - The shelter will be an open air roof structure in this phase of the project.
 - All plantings will be native because this is in a biodiversity zone.
 - Site furnishings won't happen in this first phase, but will include log benches and tables.
 - Bikes and pedestrians circulation is being carefully planned, along with service vehicle and trash collection access.
 - Although many events will be moving to the Dune Peninsula, space for event staging and 10 x 10 tents is being considered.
 - Some existing signage will remain, along with new interpretive signs. Commissioner Baines suggested working with the Puyallup Tribe to make sure their history is included. Kristi reported we have been working with them and they are part of the approval process.
 - Restrooms will have a typical layout, gender neutral, single occupant.
- It was reported Owen Beach will need to go offline during the summer of 2020. Signs will be installed prior to inform the public. Marty added we are exploring walk-in access to the promenade during this time.
- The project is expect to be completed April 2021.

- Commission Hanberg ask if we are losing any parking stalls. No, we are gaining parking spaces. The new parking area could potentially host future shuttle/drop offs.
- Commissioner Hanberg asked if better drainage is being planned for the lawn area. Yes. Landscape will separates the lawn and parking, allowing storm water runoff treatment. High performance, underdrained turf is also being used.
- Commissioner Hanberg asked if signage will match the Dune Peninsula. Yes signage will be complimentary, both contemporary and rustic.
- Commissioner Hanberg asked if we could partner with Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) on the costs for the new waterline up to 5-mile drive. Marty reported we are having ongoing conversations with TPU to discuss this.
- It was suggested that electric car charging stations be include. It was agreed this is a good idea and it will be looked into.
- Both commissioners liked the project's current direction.

Lincoln Park CIP

- Marty reported site development at Lincoln Park is currently being discussed with the Tacoma Public Schools (TPS). Previously planned improvements are being reviewed, including a spray ground, landscape modifications, and renovation of historic picnic shelter. Planning and Design work is scheduled to being sometime this year and may include connectivity improvements and ADA parking.
- Both commissioner noted that with the 38th Street revamping the neighborhood has changed. What made since during the 07 bond might not be appropriated for now. Both commissioners agreed the community needs improvements to Lincoln Park, but we need to take our time and collaborate with TPS. Marty reported we have met with TPS a couple months ago to review their site plans and let them know we have capital funds available.
 - Commissioner Baines questioned TPS's financial capacity, noting it might be more long-term than short-term. It was reported their plans included basketball courts, but not tennis courts.
 - Commissioner Hanberg asked about a previously discussed playground collaboration with TPS. Kristi reported they approach us, but ultimately didn't have the financial resources.
- Other areas of concern included: limited one-way access to the stadium because of fencing and general unsightliness of the west side of stadium fencing and structures.
- There is a meeting Monday of the Lincoln Stewardship Group. It was agreed Metro Parks needs to send a representative from either the Planning or Parks Department.

Meeting Adjourned