



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
August 26, 2019**

PRESENT: Aaron Pointer, President
Tim Reid, Clerk
Andrea Smith
Erik Hanberg
Jessie Baines

IN THE CHAIR: Aaron Pointer

PLACE: Eastside Community Center

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Hanberg

STUDY SESSION: STATE PARKS UPDATE

Pete Mayer introduced Don Hoch, Peter Herzog and Commissioner Pat Lantz from Washington State Parks Commission. Mr. Hoch and Mr. Herzog commented on the commission's new partnership with Parks RX America program. He noted that Washington State Parks is looking to help more people enjoy the outdoors and improve their health. The nonprofit organization Park Rx America and State Parks are working with healthcare providers across Washington to prescribe nature to patients as part of a healthcare regimen. Parks Commissioner Pat Lantz then commented on the work that is being done to promote the Palouse to Cascade trail. Ms. Lantz commented that The Washington State Parks Commission approved leasing management of the Beverly Bridge and about 40 miles of the PTCT from the Department of Natural Resources. The lease allows State Parks to take over the rehabilitation of the Beverly Bridge and management of two trail segments from the DNR.

Mr. Hoch commented that the commission is also promoting their folk arts program that will bring more arts and cultural heritage opportunities into the state parks. This includes events such as musicians, dancers, craftspeople and story tellers who represent a wide variety of new and old Washington traditions.

State Commission staff also stated that they, like Metro Parks Tacoma are a finalist for NRPA Gold medal this year. Their Gold Medal video submission was then viewed.

Commissioner Lantz then gave a quick update on Saint Edwards Seminary restoration. Located in Saint Edwards Park, the restoration will repurpose the badly deteriorated interior of the Seminary building into a park lodge with 80-100 guest rooms, a conference center, meeting rooms, a wellness spa, and a restaurant and café.

Ms. Lantz was then honored for her time as a State Parks Commissioners.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Park District Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Pointer at 6:10p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE**

Marina Becker introduced and welcomed Eastside center staff who were present. Ms. Becker commented on afterschool program that will be offered for middle school children this year at ESCC. She also commented the Metronome coffee shop in the center is now open. The slide in the front of the building is currently under design review and will be replaced with a covered slide by the end of the year. Jefri Peters, center supervisor and Stacie Gath of the Boys and Girls Club commented on the great partnership with the two agencies operating out of the center.

BETTER TOGETHER RECOGNITION

Stuart Young with BCRA presented Metro Parks with an award from his firm. Mr. Young commented that BCRA's theme for 2019, their 30th anniversary, is that we are "better together". He commented that by developing strong partnership with clients, we build towards a shared vision that serves the communities in which we work.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Pointer commented that he was recently awarded with the Harold G. Moss Decades Award at the NAACP annual dinner.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS**Arts & Heritage Advisory Council**

Commissioner Smith commented that at the last meeting the committee had a presentation on the Heidelberg Sports Village Feasibility Study.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Shon Sylvia commented on the following:

- Free Swimming on Monday, September 2nd, 12noon-5pm at Kandle and Stewart Heights Pool
- Saturday, September 7th Dune Peninsula Celebration 9am-2pm Annual Downtown to Defiance, 1-4pm Concert(Vertical Horizon) at Dune Peninsula
- Pierce Transit advised staff today that The News Tribune is asking for information about an autonomous vehicle research grant that Pierce Transit is seeking. The transit agency wants to try something like the self-driving shuttle that's operating in Las Vegas. If it gets the grant, Pierce Transit has an agreement with the City of Lakewood to try it there.
- Paul Weed introduced new GIS Analyst, Renee Opatz
- District All Staff meeting is Wednesday, August 28th at 1am at the STAR Center

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sandra Ford, Wendi Villagomez and Corina Going thanked the Board for their help in getting safety issues taken care of a Blueberry Park.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Hanberg moved to adopt the minutes as amended; seconded by Commissioner Reid and passed on a vote of 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C49-19: W.W. SEYMOUR BOTANICAL CONSERVATORY RESTROOM ADDITION PROJECT NO. J2017-06 FINAL ACCEPTANCE TO GOOD NEWS GROUP

RESOLUTION NO. C50-19: REVISING SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. C51-19: AUTHORIZING SURPLUS AND DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Hanberg moved adopt the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Commissioner Pointer stated that three commissioners will attend the NRPA conference in September and the Board will not have a quorum for the September 23rd meeting.

Being no additional comments the consent agenda passed on a vote of 5-0.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. P52-19: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR METRO PARKS TACOMA

1. STOKE STRATEGY INC. FOR BRAND DESIGN /RESEARCH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000
2. COLOR GRAPHICS FOR EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS/PROGRAM SUPPLIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,0000

Commissioner Reid moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Hanberg.

Sandra Eliason explained that the project contract with Stoke will illuminate opportunities to strengthen Metro Parks Tacoma's brand through recommendations that guide agency-wide consistencies that help reflect a clear alignment of parks, programs, services, and attractions. She further commented that the project will identify gaps in brand perception and opportunities to develop a strategic approach to effectively convey our brand in ways that resonate with the public, invites their continued use of our parks, attractions, and programs, and leads to continued support of MPT. In addition the work with Stoke will provide recommendations for a refresh of the District's master brand aligned with the agency's strategic direction both now and for the foreseeable future, and to enhance public awareness of all District sub-brands. The board engaged in brief dialogue regarding the District's logos.

Marina Becker stated than the District will be using Color Graphics for employee uniforms and program t-shirts. The Board and staff had a brief discussion about using the state roster as opposed to going out for an RFP.

Being no additional comments the consent agenda passed on a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. PW53-19: W.W. SEYMOUR BOTANICAL CONSERVATORY REHABILITATION A&E CONTRACT TO SHKS ARCHITECTS**

Commissioner Hanberg moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this resolution was reviewed by the CIC on August 14th. Ms. Terwilleger commented that the current scope of work address the next phase of work to rehabilitate the existing conservatory and recreate three facades that once stood at the entrances. A State Heritage Grant has been procured to supplement MPT 2014 UTGO Bonds for this rehabilitation. Under this contract SHKS will provide construction documents, permitting and construction administration for this project. Kristi Evans indicated that construction is planned for May 2020- December 2020 which will require some closures of the facility during that time.

Being no additional comments the consent agenda passed on a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. PW54-19: TITLOW PARK - TOA SITE DEMOLITION CONTRACT AWARD TO DICKSON COMPANY

Commissioner Hanberg moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this resolution was reviewed by the Capital Improvement Committee at their meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 and was forwarded on to the full Board with no recommendation, pending further discussion with the full Board. The project was further discussed by the full Board under “New Business” at the Park Board meeting held on August 12, 2019, with a recommendation that the resolution should be brought forward for consideration.

Commissioner Hanberg commented that the concerns he raised in July have now been addressed. Commissioner Reid commented that following the demo. he would like the public to have access to that part of the park. Debbie Terwilleger noted that is the intent at this point in time. Ms. Terwilleger also commented that the Boards concerns about the master plan for the park have been heard and recognized by staff.

Commissioner Baines commented that it may be hasty to demo the structures at this time, before the master plan update is finished. Debbie Terwilleger commented that because of the conditions of the structures there are healthy and safety issues.

Being no additional comments the consent agenda passed on a vote of 4-1 (Commissioner Baines voting no).

SINGLE READING RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. R55-19: APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PLAY SPACE AT EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER BY THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND**

Commissioner Hanberg moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger commented that this resolution authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement for the installation of play equipment, pathways, site furniture and landscaping estimated at \$200,000.00 at First Creek (Eastside Community Center) by The Trust for Public Land as a donation to Metro Parks Tacoma.

Being no additional comments the consent agenda passed on a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. R56-19: ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HERITAGE CAPITAL GRANT FOR W.W. SEYMOUR BOTANICAL CONSERVATORY RESTORATION AND AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF FINAL PROJECT AGREEMENTS

Commissioner Hanberg moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Reid.

Debbie Terwilleger informed the Board that this resolution will accept and appropriate a grant for W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory Restoration from the Washington State Historical Society, and will authorize the Executive Director to enter into a project agreement for the grant award.

Being no additional comments the consent agenda passed on a vote of 5-0.

SECOND READINGS RESOLUTIONS None

FIRST READING RESOLUTIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

EXECUTIVE SESSION REAL ESTATE

President Pointer tabled the real estate issue to a later date.

BOARD COMMENTS None

ADJOURN:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Clerk

Submitted by: Jennifer Bowman, Board Secretary