



NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL THURSDAY, April 11, 2019

MPT Headquarters
Planning Conference Room
4702 S, 19th Street
Tacoma WA, 98405
5:30 PM

Attendees: Brett Johnson, Jenn Stebbings, and Jessica Stone

Staff: Michele Cardinaux

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:42 PM

Minutes:
Meeting minutes for March were not approved. No quorum.

BOARD REPORT:
No Board Report.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT:
Community celebration at the aquarium for the month of April. Point Defiance trail restoration to discourage people from getting too close to the edge of the feeder bluffs. Park Appreciation Day is April 27.

Review and Discussion on MPT Environmental/Conservation Education Programs:
At the request of Ken Campbell, Mary and Michele compiled a list of all the environmental education programs that MPT offers to the public. Michele provided a spreadsheet with a comprehensive list of each place-based program, what time of year they are held and who the target audience is; the list is compiled of programs that include an environmental education component only. Not included are marina activities, fitness activities, and NW Trek programs (because they are incorporated as part of the park experience). The Nature Center has three FTE dedicated to environmental education programs, and several part-time educators for preschool and events, home school visits and school tours. MPT works off two grants (Tacoma Splash and Pierce County Chambers/Clover) to help reach additional kids. The curriculum is developed in-house (generally). Currently, there are not plans to expand into the future, but existing programs may expand into self-guided curriculum, and combining home school activities for a more comprehensive learning experience.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:
- Parks Appreciation Day! Several events scheduled for April 27.

- China Lake volunteer event May 4.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.