



NATURE & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL THURSDAY, March 14, 2019

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

Attendees: Anthea Aasen, Ken Campbell, Brett Johnson, Pamela Ketzner, Maggie McKeown, Jenn Stebbings, Jessica Stone, and Luis Yanez

Staff: Mary Anderson, Marine Becker, Michele Cardinaux, and Marty Stump

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM

Minutes:
Meeting minutes for January were approved. No meeting in February due to weather.

BOARD REPORT:
No Board Report.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT:
Staff Liaison Report sent before the meeting. Highlights include Fort Nisqually has two escape rooms; Chip-In Stewardship events handout; yoga at the conservatory; Timeline Exhibit at The Nature Center (Filbert the Frog) and the Snake Lake Connection Video (very cute!).

SEA-LEVEL RISE IMPACTS TO PARKS, presented by Marty Stump:
MPT and City of Tacoma Ruston Way and infrastructure needs (surface water management, etc.). MPT is leading the effort for public outreach. WA Coastal Resilience Project was a 3-year effort looking at Tacoma as the study area and projected SLR. Hard Science and tool kit to plan and how to interact with the community. The plan looks at a range for the next 80-100 years based on possibility and probability. This will lead to policy decisions on how to design using SLR projections. "Envision our Waterfront Tacoma"

- Framework Plan
 - Community vision for Tacoma waterfront and conceptual design (Downtown to Defiance); agency and technical review (data gaps)
 - Overarching Themes
 - History, culture and context; equity; climate
 - Focus Areas
 - Transportation; nature; uses.

- Challenges
 - Private ownership; small businesses; fear of change; etc.
- Opportunities
 - Frame conversation; climate models (SeaGrant); Mithun expertise; public dialogue case study; public ownership; estuary restoration
- Sea-Level Rise Factors
 - Bathtub effect (glacier melt); storm surge; wave run-up (wave energy)
 - Ruston Way SLR estimate 1.5 – 4.5 feet
- Strategies
 - Tidal wetlands; natural beach; living shoreline; constructed wetland
 - Examples provided: Puget Park; Owen Beach; Titlow Park (TOA site). Anthea asked if a future with no/fewer cars was taken into account, and it is one of the items MPT is looking at for design (reduced parking lots, etc.)
- Mithun Report will be live on the website for public feedback

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- McKinley volunteer event March 16, 9-12PM
- Point Defiance (around the marina) March 30, 9-12PM
- Parks Appreciation Day April 27
- 3-4 NEAC membership openings currently
- Ped Bridge and Peninsula Park anticipated opening June/July 2019, with grand opening scheduled for September 2019
- Jess reminded members that part of the 2019 work plan is to attend a volunteer event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.