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

Project Status
- Commissioner Hanberg asked about a possible dog park pilot program at Franklin Park. Joey reported multiple meetings have been held and many potential sites have been visited. He reported it was determined Franklin Park wasn’t the best site, noting lack of drinking water, an ongoing steward program in this area of the park, and the visual impacts of using temporary fencing. He explained this project now is lower on the priority list for capital improvements. He added the master plan for Franklin Park would likely want to be updated to confirm that the community would support an off-leash area here.
  - Commissioner Baines asked how many dog parks we have. Currently we have three dog parks, with Swan Creek now in the design phase. Both commissioners agreed we should have a dog park in each of our districts.
- Commissioner Baines noted Wapato Hills Park’s turf area is very wet, questioning if we are might be over watering. Joey noted that the irrigation system for this site is not currently operated by Calsense irrigation controller, and that a technician will go out and check on the current watering cycle and make manual adjustments to the field controller.

Discussion Items
Eastside Community Center – Youth Mural Project
- Metro Park’s City of Tacoma (COT) art representative Rebecca Solverson led a discussion on the scope for the Eastside Community Center’s Youth Mural Project. This project will create an interior mural at the center that will be created by local youth led by a teaching mural artist.
- Rebecca presented a visual of where the mural will be located; inside the main stairs on a wall bridging two windows.
- A bid will be released tomorrow recruiting for the teaching artist. Rebecca stated the selection process will be unique. A Meeker Middle School art teacher will recruit a group of student who will review submissions and take part in the interview process.
• She reported this project has a tight timeline, scheduled to be complete by the start of fall semester.
• Marty added that the installation of the center’s Outdoor Welcome Sculpture is nearly complete. The artist is working on final touches and it should be completed within the week.

**WSDOT Ferry Lane Project at Point Defiance Park**
• Marty provided an updated to the commissioners on WSDOT’s Ferry Lane pavement project. He reported it will be a three month project, with nighttime work planned.
• The staging area will be at the Goldfish to reduce impacting park traffic.
• Commission Hanberg stated the project’s three month duration seems long. Marty explained it’s complicated, noting utilities and communications first need to be installed, followed by curb and pavement removal, then new pavement. Marty noted we have made them aware of our September Dune Peninsula grand opening and asked for limited impact to park users.
• Marty reported ferry traffic won’t be impacted. WSDOT will flag traffic in and out of the construction zone.
• Commissioner Baines commented that this work should have been done during the winter, not during our peak time. Marty reported we asked that the project not begin until October, however WSDOT had specific scheduling needs and wished to complete work during the dry summer season.
• Metro Parks has issued their project’s press release and are directing all inquiries to WADOT.

**Action item**
**TOA Site Demolition - Contract Award to Dickson Company**
• This resolution authorizes the contract award to Dickson Company in the amount of $295,955.10 for site demolition work at the former Tacoma Outboard Association (TOA) site located at Titlow Park.
• As background, in 2017 the existing TOA site became vacant as Metro Parks did not renew their longstanding land lease. While MPT is underway on a Master Plan update to incorporate the former TOA into future park development, an immediate need arose, due to the attractive nuisance created by the deterioration of the existing TOA buildings and site features. Areas of work include the septic field, existing structures, oil tank decommissioning, and new security fencing (along railroad ROW)
• Marty reported we are targeting this work to be done by fall, noting restrictions related to barge access. If not approved, the project could be pushed out until next spring. Tom noted the demo phase has been coordinated with the City of Tacoma plan review staff to ensure a well thought out strategy as it relates to permitting for future enhancements.
• Tom reported the updated Master Plan should be wrapped up by year’s end and will include additional input from steering committee and public meetings. Results will be compiled and presented at a future meeting.
• Commissioner Hanberg and Baines were both concerned we might be underplaying the value of the site by just renovating. Marty explained open conversations are still happening and this demo phase doesn’t restrict future plans. This demo phase will only take down vertical TOA structures (clubhouse, caretakers cottage, open air structure & restroom) keeping slabs intact for impervious permit credit benefits.
Tom presented a map of the area, highlighting structures targeted for demo. The boat ramp will remain intact during demo, noting the contractor will use it to barge in supplies and remove demolition material. Marty added the seawall and boat ramp will likely be removed during future construction phases.

- Commissioner Baines brought up the boat ramp’s dangerous currents. A risk assessment has been completed and “hidden danger” signs will be posted on the jetty to warn the public.

- Marty elaborated that the TOA structures have become a nuisance. Many people are trespassing, even with the existing fence. Once structures are taken down, the fencing can be safely removed.

- Commissioner Hanberg suggested that authorized evening park use that activate the space will help prevent unauthorized nighttime use. Marty reported we have met with RCO on grant opportunities, and the idea of redevelopment for active and passive use was received favorably.

- Commissioner Hanberg commented that this contract amount might have otherwise been directed towards tenant improvements (TOA). He stated $1/2M is a lot of money for just demolition. He asked where the funds were coming from. Marty reported funds are coming from Waterfront Parks - Titlow Park.

- Joey pointed out the deteriorating bridge with limited weight, hampered TOA’s ability to fully access their facility. Previous parks and grounds staff felt that servicing the entire community made the most sense vs just a small group. He added the site is in poor condition and requires funding (+/- $30,000 annually) to keep site secure and safe. From a maintenance perspective this course of action makes sense he concluded.

- Tom pointed out additional costs may result from soil contamination/septic disturbance, and that this will be monitored through construction.

- Commissioner Hanberg suggested that an at-grade railroad grade crossing would be less expensive. Marty reported that it would be problematic to permit but that we’d confirm feasibility.

- Commission Hanberg questioned demo’ing the picnic shelter. Marty and Joey both reported it is in bad condition, not meeting current design standards for public use.

- Commissioner Hanberg reported that naturalization of shoreline makes sense and asked if it is included in this phase. Marty said no, but is included in future plans.

- Both commissioners felt that the full board should be informed as to how this demolition phase aligns with the current master planning of the former TOA site for future public use.

- Both commissioners approved moving this forward to the board without a recommendation.

- Staff will be present at the August 12th board meeting to present.

Meeting Adjourned