



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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"Today We Touch Tomorrow"

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday July 20, 2009

PRESENT:

Board Members

William Sehmel
Scott Junge
Curtis L. Hancock
Todd Iverson
Jon Ortgiesen

Staff

Marc Connelly
Eric Guenther
Elaine Sorensen
Bill Miller
Travis Hernandez-intern

Visitors

Julie Ann Gustanski – PenMet Foundation
Kurt Grimmer – Peninsula Athletic Association
Vernon J. Young – EnviroCorps

PLACE:

PenMet Parks
Administrative Offices
3622 Grandview Street
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Sehmel at 6:00 PM.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Junge made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Iverson seconded the motion. Commissioner Sehmel then called for the vote and the vote passed 5-0.

ITEM 2 PRESENTATIONS

2.A July 2009 Park and Recreation Month Proclamation

Commissioner Sehmel read a proclamation naming July 2009 as Park and Recreation Month.

2.B Staff Report

1. Marc Connelly informed the Board that PenMet Parks received the 50 year executed lease from the Department of Natural Resources for the Maplewood property in the mail on July, 20, 2009. He mentioned that its outright acquisition is being proposed as part of the 2010 budget process.
2. Commissioner Sehmel reported that he received an email from the FAA in regards to the separation of the airport property from the golf course. The email stated that the paperwork had been sent on July 6, 2009 to Washington DC for approval, and that there would be a 30 day comment period, with the approval decision expected sometime around August 6, 2009.
3. Marc Connelly noted that the completion date of Sehmel Homestead Park was still expected towards the end of October.
4. Vernon Young, EnviroCorps, attended the Administration and Finance Committee meeting, and noted that he does not feel that a lot of progress was made in regard to the Volunteer Policy draft. He stated that he felt volunteers needed more input into the policy.

2.C President's Report

Commissioner Sehmel noted that the District is currently involved in many projects, and that it appears that some of these projects are getting close to their completion. He mentioned the progress with the airport, the baseball field, and the trails at Sehmel Homestead Park. He noted that the District is entering a busy time in respect to the 2010 budget, and stated that the Commissioners had projects that they would like included or made aware of. Commissioner Sehmel mentioned that he had reached out to a number of volunteer groups in the area to see what types of participation or advice they would like to add to the Volunteer Policy that is currently being created in order to get a consensus within the community.

2.D Committee Reports

1. Budget/Finance & Administration – No Report
2. Capital Projects – Commissioner Junge inquired about a lease for the soccer center, and it was mentioned that it is part of the Executive Session discussion.
3. Real Estate – Commissioner Sehmel reported that he toured the airport property, and encouraged that the other commissioners do the same, if possible. He noted that near the over fly area the ground had been cleared and hydro-seeded, and might be available for use prior to a formal park. He gave a dog park as a possible example of use.

- 4. Legislative – No Report
- 5. Planning & Program – No Report

ITEM 3 CONSENT AGENDA

3.A APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- June 15, 2009 Meeting

3.B APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST(S),

- June 15, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
 - Summary: \$ 19,034.80
 - District reference numbers: 2009185-2009205
- June 15, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
 - Summary: \$ 12,536.63
 - District reference numbers: 2009206-2009208
- June 23, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
 - Summary: \$ 9,010.67
 - District reference numbers: 2009209-2009216
- July 1, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
 - Summary: \$ 981,020.59
 - District reference numbers: 2009217-2009220
- July 1, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
 - Summary: \$ 37,274.08
 - District reference numbers: 2009221-2009240
- July 13, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
 - Summary: \$ 4,466.29
 - District reference numbers: 2009241-2009250
- July 23, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
 - Summary: \$ 4,055.00
 - District reference numbers: 2009251-2009252

Commissioner Junge moved to approve the consent agenda;
Commissioner Iverson seconded the consent agenda, the motion then passed 5-0.

ITEM 4 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.A Recreation Program Discussion

Marc Connelly noted that this could be an important component in the discussion involving a possible soccer center, in regard to staffing. Marc Connelly noted that the PenMet staff is currently preparing an outline of activities, which is to be presented to the Administration & Finance Committee and the Capital Committee. Commissioner Junge noted that he felt that the program should not take anything away from

PAA.

Eric Guenther updated the board on the current progress of the program development. Commissioner Iverson noted that he felt the Recreation Department could use another staff member, so the current staff could focus among other things on securing grants to help fund the current PenMet projects. Commissioner Sehmel noted that the Board was looking for grants to fund Wollochet Bay Estuary Park. The Board discussed possible recreation program ideas. Commissioner Junge noted he would like to get interpretive recreation signs in the parks. Julie Gustanski, PenMet Foundation, noted that it might be more efficient to work with non-profit partners in order to discuss how to form this program. The Board discussed the possibility of focusing on non-traditional sports. The Board noted that they would like to have a couple meetings with the various non-profit organizations, who offer recreation programs, to brainstorm possible ideas. Eric Guenther introduced Travis Hernandez, the summer intern. Travis Hernandez gave the Board a description of himself.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

5.A Resolution R2009-015 To Adopt Revised Board Policy

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve Resolution R2009-015 to Adopt Revised Board Policy, Commissioner Junge seconded. Julie Gustanski noted that it may be difficult for people to make the meeting if they are coming from work. The Board discussed the meeting time with the public. Commissioner Sehmel called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

5.B Resolution R2009-016 To Supersede and Replace R2007-018

Marc Connelly gave a synopsis of the change, and Commissioner Sehmel noted that this made more sense and was a good idea. Commissioner Junge moved to approve Resolution R2009-011 to supersede and replace R2007-018, Commissioner Iverson seconded. Commissioner Sehmel called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 6 CITIZEN COMMENTS

Vernon Young noted EnviroCorps was working to bring on a part-time position for the litter patrol program. He noted the program is growing, and he feels a position dedicated to the program would grow it even faster.

Commissioner Sehmel gave an update for the boundless playground drive, and noted it was at \$160,000 with \$30,000 in pledges yet to be received. Julie Gustanski confirmed these figures.

Commissioner Sehmel and Julie Gustanski discussed when the PenMet Parks District would receive the funding check for the boundless playground from the PenMet Foundation. They also discussed the process the Foundation needed to go through before the check could be given to the Parks District. Commissioner Sehmel noted that Sehmel Homestead Park would be opening in approximately 90 days.

Commissioner Sehmel noted that the District had put conduits under the road at Sehmel Homestead Park for future water and power to the meadow area.

ITEM 7 COMMENTS BY BOARD

Commissioner Sehmel asked about the area next to the baseball field at Sehmel Homestead Park and if picnic tables and benches could be placed there. Marc Connelly noted that the District was currently in the process of accepting donations of tables, and that there would be tables in the park when it opens. Marc Connelly noted that the staff was preparing service options, which included picnic shelters in the 2010 budget process.

Commissioner Iverson noted that Sehmel Homestead Park would be a convenient, centralized location to be utilized for family reunions and barbeques.

Commissioner Sehmel noted that PenMet should look into rental costs of chairs and tables to be able to provide this information to groups interested in using the space.

Commissioner Iverson asked if the Commissioners could receive direct emails from citizens with comments and concerns. Marc Connelly advised setting up email accounts through the PenMet server to ensure that Commissioners' personal information is not compromised as part of public disclosure requests.

Elaine Sorensen commended PAA for their educational summer camps. Commissioner Sehmel asked Kurt Grimmer, Peninsula Athletic Association, how much of a role educational recreation plays into PAA's operation. Kurt Grimmer responded that it is a small part of their organization, that their focus is on the traditional sports, but they have had success in educational recreation and found a lot of demand for it. Kurt Grimmer noted that PAA would like to expand their educational recreation. Commissioner Sehmel suggested that recreational education is something that PAA could hand over to PenMet Parks to help nurture and expand the program. Julie Gustanski noted that it states in the Foundation's mission statement to help ensure culture and education opportunities in parks. Commissioner Sehmel extended the support and help of the Board on issues and ideas, involving recreation, to help work with PAA and the

School District to make them happen.

Possible uses of Wollochet Bay Estuary Park were also discussed.

Commissioner Junge and Eric Guenther discussed the City's decision to remove the recreation guide funding from their budget. Eric Guenther noted the guide would have to be reduced or our funding would need to be increased. Eric Guenther noted PenMet would be \$10,000 short of the needed funding to continue the guide as is, but noted PAA had had success going straight to the schools with promotional material.

Eric Guenther noted the following events August 29 Family Fun Fest, August 30 Rosedale High School Volleyball Tournament, August 30 Harbor Covenant Church is doing a work party with PenMet Parks, and September 6 Chapel Hill is doing a work party.

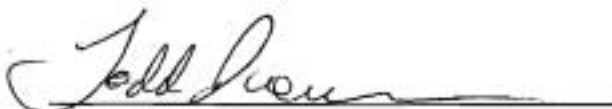
ITEM 8 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Property Matters & Real Estate Negotiations

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss property matters and real estate negotiations at 6:50 P.M. for 45 minutes the Board returned from Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. and extended the session 15 minutes. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:50 P.M.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Junge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Iverson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

APPROVED BY BOARD ON: 8-17-09



President



Clerk Date 8-17-09

Submitted by: Travis Hernandez