



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

**Monday September 21, 2009**

### **PRESENT:**

#### **Board Members**

William Sehmel  
Scott Junge  
Curtis L. Hancock (Arrived @6:30)  
Todd Iverson  
Jon Orgiesen

#### **Staff**

Marc Connelly  
Eric Guenther  
Bill Miller  
Elaine Sorensen  
Mark Roberts – District Attorney

#### **Visitors**

Mike Burton – Harbor Soccer Club

### **PLACE:**

PenMet Parks  
Administrative Office  
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 Sehmel requested to amend the agenda and switch item 5b to item 2a, item 6 to item 2b, and item 8 (executive session) to item 2c. Commissioner Junge made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Commissioner Orgiesen seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Hancock was absent for approval of the agenda.

## **ITEM 2 PRESENTATIONS**

### **2.A & B 2010 Preliminary Budget Review**

Commissioner Junge requested that the 2010 budget presentation be skipped and go directly to public comment on the 2010 budget.

Commissioner Sehmel reported to the Board that the \$100,000 Sehmel Homestead Park security system is included in the 2010 budget. Marc Connelly presented and reviewed a MS PowerPoint slide of cost adjustments that will provide resources necessary to fund the Sehmel security system including unexpended interest expense for the airport/golf course line of credit that was not needed during 2009 and a series of budget cuts and purchase deferrals.

Mike Burton asked about the offer to purchase Performance Golf Center. Marc Connelly reported that the District did make an offer to purchase the golf center property. Mr. Burton noted to the Board that there is support for the soccer center from the community including Terry Lee and John Moist of the Gig Harbor Tides Sports Boosters who sent a written e-mail of support to the Clerk of the Board.

### **2.C Executive Session – Potential Litigation**

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation at 6:10 pm for 35 minutes; the Board returned from Executive Session and extended the session 10 minutes. The Board then returned from Executive Session at 6:53 pm.

### **2.D Presentations**

No Report

### **2.E Staff Report**

1. Rosedale and Hales Pass Tennis Courts – Commissioner Junge asked about the status of the tennis court resurfacing projects. Bill Miller noted to the Board that he will go out to bid with the courts this week and the bids will be out ten days and they will be painted in two weeks. Commissioner Junge asked that the timeline for completion of these projects be checked to make sure that they can be completed before the weather changes.
2. Transfer of Pierce County Properties – Commissioner Hancock reported to the Board that our offer to Pierce County regarding the transfer of the properties has potentially been approved and is in process. He also noted that the County will continue to maintain these properties until all of the properties are all transferred with the exception of Hales Pass.

3. Boundless Playground - Commissioner Junge asked about the Foundation support of the Boundless Playground. Marc Connelly reported that he has received a draft letter of agreement from the Foundation on the transfer of these Boundless Playground funds. He noted to the Board that two of the Foundation grants are still outstanding totaling approximately \$30,000.
4. Dog Park – Commissioner Junge asked about the Tacoma Public Utilities property as a potential dog park. Marc Connelly reviewed what has happened with those negotiations and Commissioner Hancock noted that he will follow up with the City on this potential dog park property.
5. Cushman Trail – Commissioner Junge asked about the paving and finishing of Cushman Trail Part 2. Commissioner Hancock suggested to the Board that a three-way partnership be developed with the County, City and PeriMet Parks to finish paving this trail. Commissioner Junge suggested that the trail be finished before the District accepts any potential transfer.
6. Volunteer Policy – Marc Connelly noted that the policy needs to come out of committee and be given to EnviroCorps for review and then to the full Board for approval.
7. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan – Commissioner Junge asked if the shoulders at Sehmel Homestead Park will conform to the plan. The Board then had a discussion about what is acceptable in our park plans for non-motorized transportation. Commissioner Hancock noted that an 8 to 11 foot trail is an acceptable scope for our parks. Commissioner Junge then noted that we need to make sure our park plans conform to our scope for non-motorized transportation.

## **2.F President's Report**

Commissioner Sehmel reported that Marc Connelly gave the Mayor and City Administrator a tour of Sehmel Homestead Park and they thought the park looked great.

Commissioner Sehmel also reported that he attended the Pierce County meeting on the County's community development comprehensive plan. He noted that an amendment was passed that all parks would be changed to parks and recreation zoning which will help with permitting and parks would not longer require a 50 foot buffer. The Board then had a discussion about the possibility of removing the 50 foot buffer along Sehmel Homestead Park and the installation of trails with the new zoning for park properties.

## **2.G Committee Reports**

1. Budget/Finance & Administration – Commissioner Sehmel reported that the committee discussed staff medical plans and reviewed the Sehmel Homestead Park budget.
2. Capital Projects – No Report
3. Real Estate – No Report
4. Legislative – No Report
5. Planning & Program – No Report

## **ITEM 3 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **3.A APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- September 2 Meeting
- September 9 Meeting
- September 14 Meeting

### **3.B APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST(S)**

- August 17, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 13,252.80
    - District reference numbers: 2009288-2009290
- August 17, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 313,103.03
    - District reference numbers: 2009291-2009307
- September 01, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 14,965.22
    - District reference numbers: 2009308
- September 01, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 41,460.17
    - District reference numbers: 2009309-2009335
- September 02, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 720.00
    - District reference numbers: 2009336
- September 08, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 700,183.36
    - District reference numbers: 2009337-2009340
- September 08, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 14,739.21

Commissioner Junge moved to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Hancock seconded the consent agenda, Commissioner Hancock asked that the August 17<sup>th</sup> minutes notation be removed from the September agenda and requested a change to the September 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. He asked that the Active Net software purchase approval be removed from the minutes because it was an approval to include the amount in the 2010 budget but it was not an approval to purchase, the motion then passed 5-0.

**ITEM 4     None**

**ITEM 5     NEW BUSINESS**

**5.A     Resolution R2009-018 Authorizing the District to Acquire Slope Easement**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve Resolution R2009-018 authorizing the District to Acquire a Slope Easement for Sehmel Homestead Park, Commissioner Sehmel seconded. Commissioner Iverson requested that staff check on the wording of the resolution regarding the name and address of the slope easement with the District attorney, with no further public comment or questions Commissioner Sehmel called for a vote and the motion passed 5-0.

**ITEM 6     CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**ITEM 7     COMMENTS BY BOARD**

Commissioner Junge requested that staff schedule a retreat to review the Board's role of staying at the 10,000 foot level and establishing goals and objectives before the end of the year. Commissioner Hancock noted that he attended a session with a County facilitator that was great and he will give her contact information to staff. The Board then discussed the agenda and dates for the retreat. Commissioner Iverson suggested that an informal stakeholders meeting/open house be held before the retreat to hear comments from the community about the District. Commissioner Hancock also noted that it is time to start reviewing the District's Comprehensive Plan. The Board then had a discussion about what information they would like to get from the District's stakeholders. Marc Connelly noted that the facilitator should be contacted about how to obtain information from outreach activities and maybe the stakeholder event should be held after Sehmel Homestead Park opens.

Commissioner Sehmel noted to the Board that Board officer elections are coming up soon.

Eric Guenther reminded the Board that National Public Lands Day is Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> at Sehmel Homestead Park pulling blackberries around the pond and the Chum Festival is October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm at Donkey Creek. He encouraged the Board to attend and help out if possible at both events. Commissioner Iverson noted that it would be fun to get a Chum salmon and have people guess the weight of the salmon for a prize.

### **Executive Session – Potential Litigation**

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation at 7:40 pm for 5 minutes the Board returned from Executive Session at 7:45 pm.

## **ITEM 8 FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

- **Community Boat Launch**
- **Cushman Trail/Narrowsgate Connection**
- **Directional Signs**
- **Dog Park/BMX**
- **Hales Pass Master Plan & Transfer Pierce County**
- **Kopachuck Property**
- **Maplewood Property**
- **McCormick Forest/Sehmel Homestead Park Connection**
- **McCormick Forest Transfer Pierce County**
- **Non-Motorized Transportation Plan**
- **Peninsula Recreation Program**
- **PenMet Foundation**
- **RCO Grants**
- **Rosedale Kayak Access**
- **Rosedale and Hales Pass Tennis Courts**
- **Sehmel Homestead Park**
- **Tacoma Narrows Airport/Golf Course**
- **Tacoma Public Utilities Property**
- **Volunteer Policy**

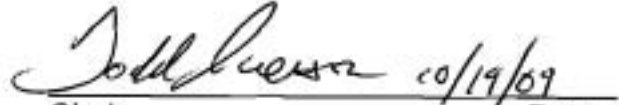
**ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Junge made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Ortgiesen seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**APPROVED BY BOARD ON:** 10-19-09



President  
Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen

 10/19/09

Clerk Date