



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday January 10, 2011

**PRESENT:**     **Board Members**  
Scott Junge (teleconference call)  
Curtis L. Hancock (teleconference call)  
William Sehmel  
Todd Iverson  
Jon Ortgiesen

**ABSENT:**     **Board Members**  
None

### **Staff**

William Miller  
Eric Guenther  
Kim Hairston  
Elaine Sorensen

### **Visitors**

Vernon Young  
Sandra Kern  
Carolyn Wyman  
Sherette Main  
Bill Brizius  
Lynda Filson  
Joan Baldwin  
Linda Gough

**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 Iverson at 6:00 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Iverson made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sehmel seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

**ITEM 2 2011 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Commissioner Iverson reviewed the nominations for President and Clerk.

Commissioner Iverson stated that there was a nomination on the floor for President of the Board for 2011 of Curtis Hancock and with no further nominations for President of the Board, Commissioner Iverson called for the vote of Curtis Hancock for President of the Board for 2011. The vote passed 3-0.

Commissioner Iverson stated that there was a nomination on the floor for Clerk of the Board for 2011 of William Sehmel and with no further nominations for Clerk of the Board, Commissioner Iverson called for the vote of William Sehmel for Clerk of the Board for 2011. The vote passed 3-0.

The meeting was then presided over by Commissioner Sehmel as Acting President who made a motion to elect Commissioner Ortgiesen as Acting Clerk of the January 10, 2011 Board meeting. Commissioner Iverson seconded the nomination and the vote passed 3-0.

**ITEM 3 CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Lynda Filson, Linda Gough and Joan Baldwin of Preserve Our Parks (POP) indicated that they wanted to give the Board an update on legislation on parks and also discussed license tabs revenues and fees. They also indicated that they plan to attend the Board meeting on 1/24/10 to give another update.

Commissioners Sehmel and Iverson thanked the POP members for attending the Board meeting.

**ITEM 4 PRESENTATIONS**

4.A None

4.B Staff Report

### Dog Park

Commissioner Sehmel indicated that the District was taking preliminary steps in looking at the property by the Narrows Bridge: Narrowsgate and Weatherswood properties (see DOT Properties below).

Commissioner Sehmel also discussed the possible partnership with the school district and the potential use of the Bujacich property.

### DOT Properties

Staff gave an update on Narrowsgate (dog related) and Weatherswood (trail related) properties. The District has submitted an application to DOT to begin looking at the process for purchasing the properties to see if there are any issues. Staff indicated that once the District hears back from the DOT that the District can proceed, then an appraisal and review appraisal are to be completed. Staff indicated that there is potentially some state grant RCO money available for the purchase; staff to also submit waivers of retroactivity for the purchase.

### PEG Grant

Staff indicated that a PEG grant request was received from FICRA for an upgrade to their playground and that the Board should receive a formal application in early 2011.

### RCO Grants

Commissioner Iverson stated the importance of the RCO grant program. Commissioner Iverson requested to have staff prepare a letter of support to legislators that he can hand-deliver next week which includes past RCO grants that the District has received and the importance of keeping the grants in the budget. Commissioner Sehmel also indicated his support for a grant program - RCO or Puget Sound Wildlife and Recreation Program.

### Pierce County Properties

Staff provided an update on the clean-up of the Pierce County properties: brush chipping at Sunrise Beach, scotch broom work at Hales Pass, fishing pier clean-up, and gutter cleaning. Staff indicated that tenant rental leases are to be renegotiated; also a check from Pierce County is expected to be received in February.

Commissioner Junge discussed the Sehmel Homestead Park maintenance barn plans that had been approved previously for a cost of \$15,000 (\$15,000 out of the total \$225,000 turn-key). Commissioner Junge requested to table the signing of a voucher until after staff provides clarification on costs. Commissioner Sehmel indicated that he would like to see the report for the \$30,000 cost estimate to re-do the old design plan that was originally proposed by AHBL. Commissioner Iverson noted that the maintenance barn will be added to the 1/24/11 Board agenda for further discussion and requested that staff provide information regarding the \$15,000 cost and what it covers, as well as the estimated option of a \$30,000 cost; staff to also include their recommendation at the 1/24/11 Board meeting.

Staff noted that Pierce County comp plan amendments are being submitted later this week to add new properties to parks and recreation zoning classification.

Commissioner Hancock noted that he needed to leave the teleconference call at 6:15 p.m.

**4.C President's Report**

Commissioner Junge thanked everyone for a job well done during the past year.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.A APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- December 20, 2010

**5.B APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST(S)**

- December 30, 2010 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 86,673.36
    - District reference numbers: 2010630B-2010638

Commissioner Iverson moved to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Ortgiesen seconded. Commissioner Sehmel called for the vote and the vote passed 3-0.

**ITEM 6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.A Volunteer Policy**

Staff gave an update on the Volunteer Policy. Enduris had reviewed the policy and noted that they had templates that could be used to make updates to the policy. Staff recommended that the policy be reviewed at a future Board meeting in February after going over the updates with EnviroCorps.

Citizen Comment

Vernon Young indicated that he is pleased with the communication with the District and is hopeful going forward.

**ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ITEM 8 COMMENTS BY THE BOARD**

Commissioner Iverson discussed a presentation by high school seniors which is scheduled for the 1/24/11 Board meeting. The seniors would like to create a teen recreation program/center as part of their class project. Commissioner Ortgiesen indicated that he had also received a request regarding a possible facility for teens to use. Commissioner Iverson discussed transportation issues for teens getting to recreation facilities. Commissioner Sehmel noted the significance that the conversation has begun for possible options for teens to look at.

Commissioner Ortgiesen thanked Commissioner Junge for doing a great job during the past year.

**ITEM 9 CITIZEN COMMENT**

Sandra Kern noted that the high school students should talk to the Boys and Girls Club about possibly using their facility (extended hours) for a place to go for social gathering.

Lynda Filson indicated that the YMCA may have some possibilities for teens to use their facility as well.

Vernon Young noted that a community service class (high school students) contacted him to volunteer their time—possibly at McCormick Forest.

**ITEM 10 NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Sehmel noted that the next scheduled Commission meeting will be held on January 24th.

**ITEM 11 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session regarding a property matter at 6:39 p.m. for 10 minutes. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

**ITEM 12 ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Iverson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ortgiesen seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

**APPROVED BY BOARD ON:**

1/24/11

  
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President

 1-24-11  
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Clerk

Date

Submitted by: Kim Hairston