



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday January 24, 2011

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

ABSENT: **Board Members**
None

Staff

William Miller
Eric Guenther
Kim Hairston
Elaine Sorensen
Kris Kelly

Visitors

Vernon Young
Sandra Kern
Lynda Filson
Chris Baddley
Mark Baddley
Robert Baddley
Jeannie Gagliano
Jim Langhelm
Larry Bleich

PLACE: PenMet Parks
Administrative Office
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6:00 PM **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Hancock at 6:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Junge made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hancock requested that Item 6C be moved to 6D, then added Resolution R2011-003 as Item 6C to the agenda. Commissioner Sehmel seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 2 CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lynda Filson of Preserve Our Parks (POP) indicated that she would be giving the Board updates on legislation at future meetings.

Jim Langhelm discussed two issues:

Mr. Langhelm indicated that most of the recent negative press that has been directed towards dog issues in parks is predominantly an owner problem, not a dog problem. Mr. Langhelm noted that he walks his dog at Rosedale Park several times a week and also walks his dog on the Cushman Trail and Harbor Hill and wanted to know if a dog park location was still an issue being worked on by the Board. Commissioners Iverson and Hancock indicated that identifying a location for a dog park is a high priority for the Board.

Mr. Langhelm also discussed the restrictions on using the "Honey Bucket" at Narrows Park. There is a sign posted on the "Honey Bucket" that indicates: "Please Be Considerate. This Unit is Reserved for People with Disabilities." Mr. Langhelm would like to have a "Honey Bucket" made available for everyone to use. The Board instructed staff to look into the signage on the "Honey Bucket."

ITEM 3 PRESENTATIONS

3.A Commissioner Hancock indicated that the presentation by Peninsula High School Students for a Teen Rec Center will be postponed to a future meeting.

3.B Staff Report

Commissioner Sehmel discussed a recent Tacoma Narrows Airport Advisory Committee (TNAC) meeting that he had attended and indicated that on July 3rd there is an event planned for an airplane show and they've asked for assistance with coordination of a community bike ride/rally as part of the event for that weekend and would like the Board to consider being involved with the event.

Elaine Sorensen requested that the Board approve \$113,518 of Reserve Funds to Fund the 2010 deficit for the executive director retirement benefits, legal fees, property purchases, and shortfall of delinquent property taxes. Ms. Sorensen indicated that there is an available \$40,000 budgeted in 2011 for replenishment of the reserves. Commissioner Hancock indicated that he would like to discuss the possible use of Pierce County funds with Terry Lee for replenishing the reserves at a future meeting. Commissioner Sehmel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Iverson seconded the motion. After discussion by the Board, Commissioner Hancock called for the vote and the vote passed 5-0.

using a master plan and the Comprehensive Park, Open Space and Recreation Plan.

ITEM 6 NEW BUSINESS

6.A PEG Grant Expansion

Staff presented information to consider the expansion of the Peg Grant to include recreation events and recommends possibly using the PEG-1000 grants to fund these types of events. Commissioner Sehmel indicated that he would like to expand the PEG Grant and encourage public use of the grants, possibly adding more money to next year's budget for this type of funding and also mentioned the possibility of a dog agility event to be held at the Sehmel Homestead Park meadow area. Commissioner Iverson indicated that he would like to have different criteria for different types of grants. Commissioner Junge agreed and indicated that he would like to have a separate grant system for recreation and to keep recreation and capital separate; separate budget for different allocation and criteria. Commissioner Hancock noted his agreement. Commissioner Iverson indicated that he would like to limit PEG grants to events in District parks. Commissioner Sehmel indicated that he would like to discuss this topic at the upcoming Board retreat. Commissioner Hancock noted that he would like to have staff make a recommendation at a future meeting.

6.B Resolution 2011-001 Bid Award for Sehmel Homestead Park Pavilion and Resolution R2011-002 Amend the 2011 Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Jeannie Gagliano of Ratcliffe Gagliano Architecture and staff reviewed information on alternate design plans for the pavilion with wood barn doors and aluminum barn doors. Staff gave a recommendation to use wood doors. The Board noted concern on painting the inside tresses of the building. After discussion, Commissioner Sehmel made a motion to approve Resolution R2011-001 Bid Award to accept the Base Bid, Alternate 1, Option A for wood barn doors with Korsmo Construction. Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0. Commissioner Junge indicated that he would like to have staff discuss the possibility of a change order for the doors with the contractor.

Elaine Sorensen discussed amending the 2011 Capital Improvement Fund Budget to fund additional construction contingency costs. Commissioner Iverson expressed concern regarding using the Harbor Family Park Planning Fund. After discussion, Commissioner Junge made a motion to approve Resolution R2011-002 to amend the 2011 Capital Improvement Fund Budget. Commissioner Sehmel seconded the motion. Commissioner Hancock called for a vote and the vote passed 5-0.

6.C Resolution R2011-003 Amend the 2011 Capital Improvement Fund Budget for Change Order 22 for Improvements at Sehmel Homestead Park

Elaine Sorensen discussed amending the 2011 Capital Improvement Fund Budget to fund Change Order 22 for improvements at Sehmel Homestead Park, moving \$15,000 from the Park Improvement Fund. Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve R2011-003 to amend the 2011 Capital Improvement Fund Budget. Commissioner Sehmel seconded the motion. Commissioner Hancock called for a vote and the vote passed 5-0.

6.D Fundraising for Scholarships

Commissioner Iverson discussed the possibility of having fundraising programs or activities to help pay for recreation program fees for those in the community that can't afford it. Commissioner Hancock noted that he would like all ideas from the Board to be discussed at Board meetings before assigning any additional workload to staff. Commissioner Sehmel indicated that he thinks it is a good idea and would like to discuss the item at the Board retreat. Commissioner Junge indicated that he sees this type of function as a role of the Foundation and agrees that he would like to discuss at the retreat and to possibly include the Y, the Greater Gig Harbor Foundation, PAA, etc., as a community event and not just a District event.

ITEM 7 COMMENTS BY THE BOARD

Commissioner Iverson indicated that he had recently talked with Port Commissioners to begin the conversation about boat launches and the Port of Tacoma's jurisdiction of the boat launches. Commissioner Hancock noted that this is an element of the Comp Plan.

Commissioner Junge thanked staff for the work that they've done and that Sehmel Homestead Park looks incredible. Commissioner Sehmel indicated that he agreed and that he has received positive comments from the neighbors. Commissioner Junge noted that he would like to see all of the blackberries removed.

ITEM 8 CITIZEN COMMENT

Lynda Filson noted that she is on the Board at the Y and is involved with a lot of fundraising activities and recommended for the District to have a policy for the allocation of any funds raised. Larry Bleich noted that it requires a lot of timing and planning and would like to be engaged in the process. Mr. Bleich also discussed that the PenMet Foundation name was officially changed to the Greater Gig Harbor Foundation and announced that "The Green Gig" raffle and auction event will be held at the Green House on January 31st at 6 p.m.

Vernon Young indicated that he would like to see the Port of Tacoma do the boat launches.

ITEM 9 NEXT BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Hancock noted that the next scheduled Commission meeting will be held on February 7th.

ITEM 10 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session regarding a property matter at 7:22 p.m. for 10 minutes. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

ITEM 11 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Junge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ortgiesen seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD ON: 2-7-11



President



Clerk

2-7-11
Date

Submitted by: Kim Hairston