



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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"Today We Touch Tomorrow"

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

PRESENT:

Board Members

Todd Iverson
Kurt Grimmer (arrived at 6:17 p.m.)
Steve Nixon
Maryellen (Missy) Hill
Amanda Babich

ABSENT:

Board Members

None

Staff

Eric Guenther

Visitors

Curtis Hancock

PLACE:

PenMet Parks
Sehmel Homestead Park Volunteer Vern Pavilion
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OATH OF OFFICE

Commissioner Todd Iverson administered the Oath of Office to Incoming Appointed Commissioner Amanda Babich for position #5.

6:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Iverson as President at 6:15 p.m.

Commissioner Iverson requested an Executive Session after "Legal Obligations."

Commissioner Hill moved to approve the amended agenda and Commissioner Nixon seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 (Commissioner Grimmer arrived just after approval).

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Legal Obligations, PenMet Parks District Attorney

The District's attorney, Mark Roberts, walked the Board through all elements of the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to training requirements of RCW 42.30.205.

Executive Session

The Board went into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) at 7:00 p.m. for 15 minutes. The Board came out of executive session at 7:15 p.m.

Discussion – Role of the Board

Commissioner Iverson outlined the Board's role as developing vision and policy while allowing the details of District operations to be handled by staff.

Commissioner Iverson expressed his willingness to allow Board members to contact staff with questions without going through the President, but to recognize appropriate limits.

Further discussion cautioned Board members to not make promises or commitments to constituents, but to encourage constituents to attend Board meetings; and to be willing to pass information along to staff or Board with the understanding that each commissioner is just one of five voices on the Board.

Former Commissioner Curtis Hancock from the public noted that this is the first entirely new Board since the District's formation in 2004.

Discussion – Bond Consultant

Commissioner Iverson relayed that Eric Wilson from Northwest Public Affairs replied in an e-mail that his work in Tacoma has grown significantly and he will be unable to work with PenMet on a bond project at this time.

Discussion ensued on exploring other options.

General Discussion

Commissioner Iverson started a discussion regarding a recent trip to the Federal Way Community Center. The facility is 9 years old, with a cost of \$20 million, and serves a population of 80,000. The facility includes a pool, 2 full courts (one configured as 3 sideways courts), an indoor running path, fitness equipment, classrooms, and banquet room. At 10 a.m. on the date of the site visit, the facility was busy with many seniors recreating, although the senior room area was empty.

Commissioner Babich mentioned other community centers including Mercer Island for a comparison.

Further discussion ensued regarding the plans for Peninsula Gardens Park and the RFQ to select the park designer.

The Board plans to use the next regular meeting on Monday, January 25, to discuss the planning for Peninsula Gardens and the status of the RFQ.


Tentative Dates for Next Board Meeting(s)

There was not decision on a date for the Board Retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Grimmer then made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Nixon seconded and the meeting was adjourned, 5-0, at 8:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD ON: 2-8-16



President

Submitted by: *Eric Guenther*

 2-8-16

Clerk

Date