



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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"Today We Touch Tomorrow"

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 9th, 2017

PRESENT:

Board Members

Todd Iverson
Kurt Grimmer
Maryellen (Missy) Hill
Steve Nixon
Amanda Babich

ABSENT:

None

Staff

Eric Guenther
Terry Lee (teleconference call)
Elaine Sorensen
Gretchen Hayes
Jase Newton

Visitors

Laurel Kingsbury

PLACE:

PenMet Parks
Sehmel Homestead Park Volunteer Vern Pavilion
10123 78th Avenue NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

CALL TO ORDER:

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Grimmer made a motion to approve the agenda, and Commissioner Babich seconded the motion. Commissioner Iverson added an executive session. He then called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 2 CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ITEM 3 PRESENTATIONS

3.A Presentations

None

3.B Staff Report

Jase Newton gave a report about the district facilities. He noted that he made a new brochure that describes the facilities, and includes all of the new rates. He explained that he has started to book out facilities during the summer, and all spring and summer permits for baseball and soccer rentals.

Commissioner Hill asked if there is anything that the commissioners could do to help the facilities department. Mr. Newton suggested potentially looking into another picnic shelter facility near the playground. The board members agreed that they would look into this at a future retreat.

Eric Guenther explained new aircraft policies that the district is going to enforce in the parks. This would cover drones, remote controlled airplanes, rockets, etc. He has worked with local districts to figure out their process and will report back to the board after everything is finalized.

Mr. Guenther also reported that the infield project at Sehmel Homestead Park is progressing on schedule, and the drainage is almost complete. He also noted that the maintenance building and restroom projects are going through permitting and should begin construction soon.

3.C President's Report

Commissioner Iverson noted the growth of the recreation program. He indicated that he had spoken with former Commissioner John Ortgiesen, who had noted how much the district had grown.

Commissioner Iverson stated that as the district continues to grow, he would like to see more defined roles for staff positions.

ITEM 4 CONSENT AGENDA

4.A Approval of Meeting Minutes

- December 12th, 2016

4.B Approval of Voucher List(s)

- Summary: \$876.80
 - District reference numbers: 2016614
- Summary: \$96,605.44
 - District reference numbers: 2016615-2016634

4.C Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion By: Commissioner Grimmer Second: Commissioner Babich
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: Abstaining: 0

ITEM 5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.A 2017 Election of Officers

Commissioner Iverson reopened the nominations of officers at 6:44 p.m. There were nominations on the floor for President of the Board for 2017 of Commissioner Grimmer and Commissioner Nixon. Commissioner Grimmer accepted his nomination and Commissioner Nixon respectfully declined his nomination. Commissioner Iverson called for any further nominations for President. Commissioner Iverson then called for the vote on the nomination of Kurt Grimmer as President of the Board for 2017; the vote passed 5-0.

Commissioner Iverson stated that there was a nomination on the floor for Clerk of the Board for 2017 of Commissioner Nixon and called for any further nominations for Clerk. Commissioner Babich also nominated Commissioner Hill. Commissioner Nixon accepted his nomination, and Commissioner Hill respectfully declined her nomination.

Commissioner Iverson then called for the vote on the nomination of Steve Nixon as Clerk of the Board for 2017; the vote passed 5-0.

Commissioner Iverson closed the meeting for the election of officers for 2017 at 6:47 p.m.

ITEM 6 NEW BUSINESS

6.A Discussion of Capital Projects / Bonds

Commissioner Iverson asked the board to discuss different plans for a bond.

Commissioner Babich noted that she would like to see a board retreat first to look at the long term goals of the district. She would also like to see the upcoming comprehensive plan completed before moving forward on a bond.

Eric Guenther discussed the timeline of the comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Nixon agreed with Commissioner Babich. He believes that the current comprehensive plan is being achieved, and the district needs to look at the large picture for the district. Mr. Nixon expressed concern about putting a bond measure on the ballot without looking at all of the information. He also believes that it is important to continue to develop the relationship with the City of Gig Harbor through a potential partnership in a future park.

Commissioner Hill noted that she also agreed with Commissioner Babich and would not like to rush into anything.

Commissioner Grimmer suggested having Eric Wilson in to review the last survey that was done and that this could potentially happen at the next board retreat.

Commissioner Iverson indicated that he thinks that a single issue bond would be the better choice. This bond would only include the soccer center, and no other topics would be on the bond measure.

Commissioner Nixon believes that by adding smaller issues to the bond, it could potentially increase the chances of success.

ITEM 7 COMMENTS BY BOARD

Commissioner Hill thanked Commissioner Iverson for his service as the President of the Board. The other commissioners all thanked him for all of his hard work, and how much they appreciate all of his time and effort that he has put into the district.

Commissioner Grimmer noted that Gig Harbor Living Local featured an article about the teen Open Mic Night held monthly at Rosedale Community Hall. Commissioner Nixon thanked Gretchen Hayes for the tour of the Boys and Girls Club.

ITEM 8 TENTATIVE DATE(S) FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING(S)

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23rd, 2017.

ITEM 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION

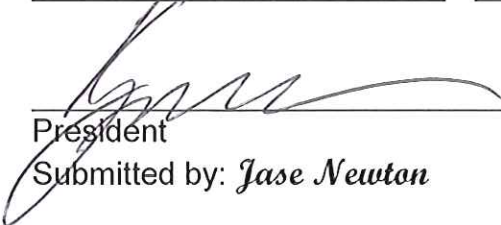
The board went into executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) at 7:09 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 7:27 p.m.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

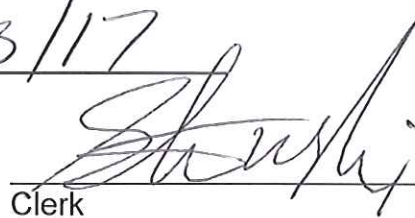
Commissioner Iverson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Nixon seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD ON: _____

1/23/17



President
Submitted by: *Jase Newton*



Clerk