



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday June 15, 2009

PRESENT:

Board Members

William Sehmel
Scott Junge
Curtis L. Hancock
Todd Iverson
Jon Ortgiesen

Staff

Marc Connelly
Eric Guenther
Elaine Sorensen

Visitors

Julie Ann Gustanski – PenMet Foundation
Sandra Kern – Peninsula Athletic Association
Vernon J. Young – EnviroCorps
Gus Garcia – HDR Engineering

PLACE:

PenMet Parks
Administrative Office
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7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Sehmel at 7:00 PM.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ortgiesen made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Sehmel seconded the motion. Marc Connelly requested the addition of a proclamation regarding "Achieve" be added to Item 2. Mr. Connelly also made some clarifications to agenda items. He stated that text had been added to Resolution 2009-12 to add an amount to the surplusing of the right-of-way on Wollochet Bay Estuary and the District attorney has also added some other additional text to this resolution. Mr. Connelly noted that the Comprehensive Financial Policies resolution is a first reading unless the Board would like to go ahead and approve the

policy tonight. He also said that the budget calendar is in the Board packet for information only and no action is needed. Mr. Connelly also noted that the capital projects listing in the agenda has an amount that needs to be changed. He stated that the expense for the McCormick Forest parking is reduced to \$20,000 because only the planning portion is included in the 2010 budget draft. Commissioner Sehmel then called for the vote of the amended agenda and the vote passed 5-0.

ITEM 2 PRESENTATIONS

2.A GFOA Award

Marc Connelly announced that Peninsula Metropolitan Park District has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award which is a national award that is presented to governmental entities in the United States and Canada. Mr. Connelly thanked the staff and Board for their hard work on the 2009 budget document.

2.A.1. Achieve Proclamation

Bill Sehmel read a proclamation from ACHIEVE (Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and Environmental change) sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Commissioner Sehmel made a motion in support of the ACHIEVE proclamation, Commissioner Iverson seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0.

2.B Staff Report

1. No Report

2.C President's Report

Commissioner Sehmel noted that this is a busy time for the District and the community. He noted that he has seen a lot of baseball games in the parks and the various commission committees have been working hard on the budget.

2.D Committee Reports

1. Budget/Finance & Administration – No Report
2. Capital Projects – No Report
3. Real Estate – Commissioner Sehmel reported that he is having casual talks with the School District about the Bujacich Drive school district property.
4. Legislative – No Report
5. Planning & Program – No Report

5.B Resolution R2009-011 Executive Director Employment Agreement

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve Resolution R2009-011 to approve the 2009 Executive Director Employment Agreement, Commissioner Sehmel seconded, and noted that Marc Connelly has done a fine job for the District and he is looking forward to him keeping up the good work. Commissioner Sehmel called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

5.C Resolution R2009-012 Wollochet Right-of-Way Purchase

Commissioner Junge moved to approve Resolution R2009-012 approving the Wollochet right-of-way purchase by Pierce County, Commissioner Hancock seconded. Marc Connelly noted that the Board needs to make a decision about placement of the funds in the budget. Commissioner Hancock recommended that the funding be placed in the Wollochet Bay Planning Capital Fund. Vernon Young then spoke in opposition to this resolution because the Greater Peninsula Conservancy has a conservation easement on this property. He stated his opinion that the property not be sold to the County until the GPC has negotiated its own settlement with Pierce County on this easement. The Board then had a discussion and asked questions about the easement and Eric Guenther noted that he had contacted the GPC and notified them about the intended purchase of the Wollochet right-of-way by Pierce County and he also noted that he has talked to Eric Hertzog from Pierce County about communicating with the GPC. Commissioner Iverson asked if the District can postpone this resolution to the next Board meeting but Eric Guenther noted that this resolution needs action at tonight's meeting. Commissioner Junge then requested that the resolution be passed with the understanding that staff will contact the GPC again about the intended Wollochet purchase by Pierce County and Marc Connelly assured the Board that the GPC will be contacted. Commissioner Sehmel then called for a vote and the motion passed 5-0.

5.D Resolution R2009-013 to Adopt Revised Comprehensive Financial Management Policy

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve Resolution R2009-013 approving the revised Comprehensive Financial Management policy, Commissioner Sehmel seconded. Marc Connelly then reviewed the changes made regarding the District's reserve policy. Commissioner Sehmel called for the vote as final action on the resolution and the motion passed 5-0.

5.E Capital Projects Discussion

Marc Connelly reviewed the capital projects list which is a mix of acquisition, development and planning projects that was compiled by the District Board committees. Commissioner Sehmel asked if all of the projects on the list can be funded in 2010. Elaine Sorensen noted that the staff is still working on the base budget and she will have more information

next month on how many of these projects can be funded. Commissioner Hancock noted that the dog park should be one of the high priority items in the 2010 budget. Commissioner Sehmel thanked the Capital Committee for their hard work on this 2010 capital project list.

5.F 2010 Budget Calendar

Commissioner Sehmel reviewed the budget calendar with the Board.

5.G Resolution R2009-014 Washington Water Agreement

Commissioner Sehmel moved to approve Resolution R2009-014 approving the Washington Water Agreement, Commissioner Hancock seconded. Commissioner Sehmel reviewed the agreement and with no further discussion he called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 6 CITIZEN COMMENTS

Julie Ann Gustanski asked if the District has received a check from Pierce County for the Boundless Playground. Marc Connelly and Elaine Sorensen noted that the District has not received any funding for the playground from Pierce County. Marc Connelly noted that he will contact the County regarding the funding.

Ms. Gustanski then asked the Board to consider attending the Boundless Strings event at the Fox Island Yacht Club to fund the Boundless Playground.

Vernon Young submitted and read a statement from EnviroCorps to the Board. Mr. Young expressed frustrations regarding his volunteer efforts and relations with PenMet Parks staff. He requested that the Board establish volunteer policies regarding the use of volunteers. The Board then discussed use of volunteers for Park District purposes and how relationships could improve.

Gus Garcia from HDR Engineering introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief description of his firm. He described the firm as a 20-person office which provides civil engineering services in Gig Harbor and they are on the District's professional service roster.

Elaine Sorensen thanked Commissioner Iverson for attending the Gig Harbor Maritime Parade event as a pirate and handing out pirate balls.

Sandra Kern asked about the progress on Sehmel Homestead Park and the seeding process. Marc Connelly reviewed the progress on the park.

Vernon Young noted that Envirocorps had now adopted nine sections of road for litter clean up.

ITEM 7 COMMENTS BY BOARD

Commissioner Hancock requested that the regular Board meeting time be moved to 6:00 instead of 7:00. Commissioner Sehmel noted that he will follow up in the next few weeks with staff regarding changing the meeting time.

Commissioner Iverson reminded the Board that the District needs to keep the boat launch as an on-going discussion item at the meetings.

ITEM 8 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation at 8:12 p.m. for 25 minutes. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

ITEM 9 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**


ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Iverson made a motion to adjourn the meeting,
Commissioner Junge seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40
p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD ON: 7-20-09



President
Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen



Clerk Date