



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday August 17, 2009

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

**EXCUSED:**           **Board Members**  
William Sehmel

**Staff**  
Marc Connelly  
Eric Guenther  
Bill Miller  
Elaine Sorensen

**Visitors**  
Mike Burton – Harbor Soccer Club  
Sandra Kern – Peninsula Athletic Association  
Vernon J. Young – EnviroCorps

**PLACE:**            PenMet Parks  
Administrative Office  
3622 Grandview Street  
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### 6:00 PM    **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Iverson at 6:00 PM.

### ITEM 1    **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Hancock made a motion to elect Commissioner Junge as temporary Clerk of the Board for tonight's regular Board meeting. Commissioner Ortgiesen seconded and the motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Sehmel was absent for the meeting. Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Junge seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

## **ITEM 2 PRESENTATIONS**

### **2.A None**

### **2.B Staff Report**

1. Sehmel Homestead Park - Commissioner Iverson asked if the park was still on schedule. Marc Connelly reported that the park is still on schedule and he is still working some off site park issues.
2. Rosedale and Hales Pass Tennis Courts – Commissioner Junge made a request to staff to stagger the work on these two tennis courts and do the work at different times so that one court always stays open. Bill Miller noted to the Board that he will go to bid with the courts next week.
3. Dog Park – Marc Connelly noted that he is working with the FAA to prepare the way in allowing a dog park on the airport property. Commissioner Junge also requested that we define a clear term for "passive" in the agreement with the FAA.

### **2.C President's Report**

No Report

### **2.D Committee Reports**

1. Budget/Finance & Administration – No Report
2. Capital Projects – Commissioner Junge noted to the Board that the committee discussed concerns regarding the funding of the Maintenance Endowment Fund. He suggested to the Board that they consider changing the policy so that the fund can be accessed before it accumulates to 40 million dollars which will take a long time and how much that is needed to fund maintenance of the parks with strictly interest dollars. He also noted the need to encourage growing the fund with outside donated dollars. Marc Connelly suggested that this be discussed by the Board along with the long range plan. A decision was made to have a study session before a future Board meeting and discuss the Endowment Fund policy.

Commissioner Junge also discussed the need and timeline to have swings at Sehmel Homestead Park. The Board had a discussion about the balance left in the park project fund and the need to have swings at the opening of the park. Marc Connelly noted that he will bring some funding options for the swings to the committees and also noted that the installation of the swings still has surface permitting issues with the County.

Commissioner Junge also asked about the security cameras and camp host for Sehmel Homestead Park. Bill Miller reported that he is waiting for costs from the vendors and Marc Connelly noted that he is drafting an RFP for a camp host.

3. Real Estate – No Report
4. Legislative – No Report
5. Planning & Program – No Report

**ITEM 3 CONSENT AGENDA**

**3.A APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- July 20, 2009 Meeting

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

- July 16, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 17,306.39
    - District reference numbers: 2009253-2009260
- August 3, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 119,564.35
    - District reference numbers: 2009261-2009284
- August 3, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 709,682.96
    - District reference numbers: 2009285-2009286
- August 4, 2009 Voucher List (See Staff Report)
  - Summary: \$ 3,332.61

Commissioner Junge moved to approve the consent agenda;  
Commissioner Hancock seconded the consent agenda, the motion then passed 4-0.

**ITEM 4 None**

**ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS**

**5.A Resolution R2009-017 Authorizing the Executive Director to Sign Change Order Number 10 for Improvements at Sehmel Homestead Park**

Commissioner Junge moved to approve Resolution R2009-017 authorizing the Executive Director to sign change order number 10 for improvements to Sehmel Homestead Park, Commissioner Hancock

seconded and with no public comment or questions, Commissioner Iverson called for a vote and the motion passed 4-0.

**5.B 2010 Preliminary Budget Review**

Marc Connelly gave a presentation about the status of the 2010 budget. Mr. Connelly asked the Board to validate its total expense goal for the 2010 budget. Commissioner Hancock noted that he would like the 2010 base budget total dollars to be the same as the 2009 base budget amount. Mr. Connelly noted that he will schedule a study session to review the budget and present new service options and the 2010 base budget at the next Board meeting.

Elaine Sorensen reviewed with the Board the current shift in the Board approved budget target chart. Commissioner Hancock noted to the Board his concerns with the current Board pie chart regarding recreation and debt.

**ITEM 6 CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Vernon Young commented to the Board the need for a BMX facility in the peninsula and he hoped that it would be included in the 2010 budget and discussed possible donated property for the facility. He requested that the Board consider helping with a possible BMX park.

Mike Burton from Harbor Soccer Club asked about the status of the Performance Golf Center. Marc Connelly reported that discussions were continuing. Commissioner Junge explained that the District would need help and support of a bond in order to fund the development of a soccer center.

Sandra Kern noted to the Board that the Sounders Soccer camp went well.

**ITEM 7 COMMENTS BY BOARD**

Commissioner Hancock noted that with everything that is going on with other park districts and the economy, PenMet Parks is fortunate to be in its current financial position and does not have to rely on sales tax.

Commissioner Junge noted that since nothing has happened with the BMX facility and the District's capacity is limited for the next two years that the District may have to plan on developing new projects like a BMX facility with a long-range plan.

Commissioner Iverson asked about e-mail addresses and Marc Connelly noted that they are currently being set up.

**ITEM 8 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation**

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation at 7:00 pm for 30 minutes; the Board returned from Executive Session at 7:30 pm.

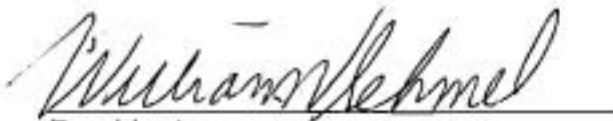
**ITEM 9 FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

- Community Boat Launch
- Cushman Trail/Narrowgate 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
- Volunteer Policy

**ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Iverson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**APPROVED BY BOARD ON:** 10-19-09

  
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President

Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen

  
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Clerk 10/19/09  
Date