



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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"Today We Touch Tomorrow"

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday December 7, 2009

PRESENT:

Board Members

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

Staff

Marc Connelly
Elaine Sorensen
Eric Guenther
William Miller

Visitors

Julie Ann Gustanski – PenMet Foundation
Jennifer Flint-Nelson – PenMet Foundation
Haven R. Doane – PenMet Foundation
Stephanie Payne – PenMet Foundation
Sandra Kern – PAA
Vernon Young – Envirocorps
Susan Schell – Peninsula Gateway

PLACE:

PenMet Parks
Administrative Offices
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 Sehmel at 6:00 PM.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to move Item 6.A to Item 2.0, Commissioner Junge seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda and the motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 2 NEW BUSINESS

Resolution R2009-027 Accepting Restricted Cash Donation for Constructing the Boundless Playground at Sehmel Homestead Park

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve Resolution R2009-027 to accept the restricted cash donation of \$155,000 from PenMet Foundation for the Boundless Playground at Sehmel Homestead Park, Commissioner Iverson seconded the motion and with no further discussion the vote passed 5-0.

Dr. Julie Ann Gustanski along with the other PenMet Foundation Board members presented a check to the PenMet Parks District Board. Commissioner Hancock and Commissioner Iverson then thanked the Foundation for their hard work. Marc Connelly reviewed the history of the project and thanked the Foundation for their support and involvement in this project.

Harasek Property

Vernon Young asked for confirmation that the Harasek property purchase has been completed. Marc Connelly and Eric Guenther confirmed that the purchase is done. Mr. Young then thanked Eric Guenther and the staff for their work on this project and noted that he will inform the Peninsula Heritage Land Trust that the project is finished. Commissioner Sehmel then gave an explanation of the funding that was received through the State Recreation and Conservation Office to help purchase this piece of property in the Wollochet Bay Estuary.

ITEM 3 PRESENTATIONS

3.A None

3.B Staff Report

Directional Signs – Bill Miller reported to the Board that the sign has been constructed for Sehmel Homestead Park with the park name and a directional arrow on it. He is working with the City of Gig Harbor to add a second sign for McCormick Forest.

Maplewood – Marc Connelly noted that he will contact the State Dept. of Natural Resources to begin the process to purchase the Maplewood property and that the funding for this property acquisition is in the 2010 budget.

Sehmel Homestead Park – Commissioner Sehmel reminded the Board that a garden area was approved by the Board during the original design of the park and during the planning and construction phase of the park the garden area was moved and extra funding is now needed to complete the project. Commissioner Sehmel noted that he feels the Board has an obligation to fund these additional expenses and complete the project for the Master Gardeners. He encouraged the Board to approve another PEG grant for the project or consider park improvement funding for the garden area and shed.

Marc Connelly noted that the staff is working with the Master Gardeners to achieve the matching requirements for a second PEG grant. The Board then discussed the funding options for the garden project and a decision was made to have staff continue with the PEG grant process for the project.

3.C Presidents Report

Commissioner Sehmel noted that it has been a successful but frustrating year for the District. He had hoped for the opening of Sehmel Homestead Park in 2009 but it is getting close to completion thanks to the help of community groups such as PenMet Foundation. Commissioner Sehmel thanked the Board for their guidance and the staff for their hard work this year and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ITEM 4 CONSENT AGENDA

4.A APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- October 26, 2009
- November 4, 2009
- November 9, 2009
- November 16, 2009
- November 23, 2009
- November 30, 2009

4.B APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST(S)

- November 16, 2009 Voucher List
 - Summary: **\$ 15,941.42**
 - District reference numbers: **2009426-2009431**

- **November 16, 2009 Voucher List**
 - **Summary:** \$ 465,908.43
 - **District reference numbers: 2009432-2009449**
- **November 24, 2009 Voucher List**
 - **Summary:** \$ 67,512.57
 - **District reference numbers: 2009450-2009454**
- **November 30, 2009 Voucher List**
 - **Summary:** \$ 12,900.74
 - **District reference numbers: 2009450A-2009451A**
- **November 30, 2009 Voucher List**
 - **Summary:** \$ 32,385.63
 - **District reference numbers: 2009453A-2009454A;
2009455-2009468**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda;
Commissioner Junge seconded and with no discussion the motion then
passed 5-0.

ITEM 5 Unfinished Business

None

ITEM 6 New Business

6.A Moved to Section 2

6.B Recreation Discussion

Marc Connelly reviewed the staff recommendation for a recreational program which included a draft job description, program and work plan. Mr. Connelly then answered several questions from the Board regarding the amount of time this position will spend on marketing the recreational events, special events and the District as a whole. A decision was made to include the marketing of the District as a whole as a significant part of the job description.

Commissioner Sehmel asked for citizen comments regarding the recreation program. Ms. Sandra Kern noted that she hopes the new position will work closely with the other established community recreation groups. She also noted to the Board that she is happy with the gym facilities at the Boys and Girls Club but she notes that the community can still use more gyms. Ms. Kern also noted to the Board that she is working closely with the school district to restore

her registration forms distribution in the children's weekly folders. She reported that her enrollment for basketball was very low until she was able to send registration forms through the children's Thursday school folders. Ms. Kern also noted to the Board that the Boys and Girls Club has also started their senior program at the new facility.

Commissioner Sehmel then noted to the Board that it would be good to do a survey that includes all kids about recreation programs.

Marc Connelly asked about approval of the program. Commissioner Sehmel then surveyed the Board for a nod of approval of the recreation staff recruitment and the program and the Board was in general agreement to begin the recruitment for the recreational program.

ITEM 7 COMMENTS BY BOARD

Commissioner Hancock noted that the Commissioner compensation policy will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ortgiesen noted his concern about players hitting the concrete wall at the new volleyball courts. Eric Guenther explained that walls are an acceptable distance away from the court lines and the play is slower and the ball does not usually go out that far in the sand. Bill Miller also noted that players do not go out that far to hit a volley ball in the sand.

ITEM 8 COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

Ms. Sandra Kern asked about the scheduling of special Board meetings. Commissioner Sehmel reviewed the reasoning for the elimination of the Board committees and the new structure of special Board meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Marc Connelly announced that he is retiring effective January 7, 2011 after 33 years of public service. Mr. Connelly stated that the District is in good shape and he is having a good time at PenMet Parks but he is looking forward to retirement and new adventures and thanked the staff and Board for five great years.

Commissioner Sehmel thanked Marc Connelly and stated that the Board has appreciated his tenure as Executive Director of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Iverson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hancock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD ON: 12-21-09



President

 12-21-09

Clerk Date

Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen