



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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"Today We Touch Tomorrow"

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday April 20, 2009

PRESENT: **Board Members**
William Sehmel
Scott Junge
Curtis L. Hancock
Todd Iverson

ABSENT: Jon Ortgiesen (Excused)

Staff
Marc Connelly
Bill Miller
Elaine Sorensen

Visitors
Lynda Filson
Barbara Tripp
Sandra Kern

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 Junge made a motion to approve the agenda, Marc Connelly requested that the following changes be made to the agenda, the addition of Park Appreciation Day, the Spring Easter Egg Hunt and the Sehmel Homestead Park Dog Park Sign to "Presentations Item 2". Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda and the vote passed 4-0.

ITEM 2 PRESENTATIONS

2.A Park Appreciation Day & Spring Easter Egg Hunt

Marc Connelly and the Board noted that both April events went well and thanked the staff. They gave special thanks to Eric Guenther for a job well done.

Sehmel Homestead Park Dog Park Sign

Marc Connelly distributed a copy of a sign posted by the North Rosedale Dog Owners that noted their concern regarding the lack of a dog park on the 98 acres and the construction of an over-the-top gym set.

Commissioner Hancock noted that the original plans for the park included a dog park and the play structure will be funded with PenMet Foundation funding. Mr. Connelly distributed a draft of a response to the sign. After the Board reviewed the response a decision was made to post the response on the park site.

2.B Staff Report

1. Cushman Trail / Narrowsgate Connection – Commissioner Junge noted that he would like to make the Cushman Trail Connection a higher priority on the Board's list of items.
2. Dog Park – Marc Connelly reported that thanks to the Peninsula Light Company staff and Commissioner Junge he was contacted by Tacoma Public Utilities and is now in discussion with them regarding a possible dog park on Tacoma Public Utilities property.
3. BMX – The Board had a discussion about the amount of interest from the community in a BMX track on the Peninsula with the construction of the new BMX facility at Orangegate in the Summit / Waller area of Pierce County.

2.C President's Report

Commissioner Sehmel noted his thanks to the staff for a good job on the Egg Hunt and Park Appreciation Day. He also thanked the maintenance staff for their wonderful care of Rosedale Park.

2.D Committee Reports

1. Budget/Finance & Administration – Marc Connelly and Commissioner Sehmel noted that there was a meeting on April 7, 2009. Marc Connelly was not in attendance at that meeting.
2. Capital Projects – No Report
3. Real Estate – Commissioner Junge asked about the role of the Real Estate committee and how it would be involved in negotiations for purchasing District property. Marc Connelly noted that he will distribute the job description of the committee for the Board to review.

Mr. Connelly also reported that the Trueman appraisal of the soccer complex property should be done within the week and the committee will review it at their next meeting.

4. Legislative – No Report
5. Planning & Program – No Report

ITEM 3 CONSENT AGENDA

3.A APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- **March 16, 2009 Meeting**

3.B APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST(S)

- **February 19, 2009 Voucher List (Special Note: 2/19/09 Voucher List was included on 3/16/09 Agenda, but detail not included in 3/16/09 Staff Report--See current Staff Report for detail listing)**

- **Summary:**

- **General Fund:** \$ 25,094.09
- **District reference numbers:** 2009001-2009014

- **March 16, 2009 Voucher List**

- **Summary:**

- **General Fund:** \$ 23,720.76
- **District reference numbers:** 2009043-2009064

- **March 17, 2009 Voucher List**

- **Summary:**

- **General Fund:** \$ 94,600.00
- **District reference numbers:** 2009065

- **March 18, 2009 Voucher List**

- **Summary:**

- **Capital Project Fund:** \$ 222,780.91
- **District reference numbers:** 2009040-2009042

- **March 24, 2009 Voucher List**

- **Summary:**

- **General Fund:** \$ 58,000.00
- **District reference numbers:** 2009066-2009067

District reference number voided: 2009068

- **March 27, 2009 Voucher List**

- **Summary:**

- **General Fund:** \$ 763.53
- **District reference numbers:** 2009069

- **March 30, 2009 Voucher List**
 - **Summary:**
 - **Capital Project Fund:** \$ 559,107.66
 - **District reference numbers:** 2009070-2009072
- **March 30, 2009 Voucher List**
 - **Summary:**
 - **General Fund:** \$ 41,548.73
 - **District reference numbers:** 2009073-2009096
- **April 7, 2009 Voucher List**
 - **Summary:**
 - **General Fund:** \$ 869.72
 - **District reference numbers:** 2009097

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Junge requested a change to the Minutes on page 15 of the agenda. He requested that "a better dog park" be changed to "another option for a possible dog park" after this amendment Commissioner Junge seconded the consent agenda, and after questions the motion then passed 4-0.

ITEM 4 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

- 5.A Resolution R2009-003 Pierce County Properties Letter**
Commissioner Junge moved to approve Resolution R2009-003 Pierce County Properties Letter and Commissioner Hancock seconded. Marc Connelly then reviewed the draft of the letter to the Pierce County Executive and County Council and after discussion the motion passed 4-0.
- 5.B Resolution R2009-004 Authorizing Extra Services for AHBL Construction Administration at Sehmel Homestead Park**
Commissioner Junge moved to approve Resolution R2009-004 Authorizing Extra Services for AHBL Construction Administration at Sehmel Homestead Park and Commissioner Sehmel seconded. The Board then had a discussion regarding storage at the park site. Bill Miller reviewed the options for storing equipment and supplies on the site. After this discussion the motion passed 3-1. Commissioner Hancock voted no.

ITEM 6 CITIZEN COMMENTS

Barbara Tripp and Lynda Filson asked about the status of the potential

closure of Kopachuck State Park. Commissioner Sehmel noted that the District has not heard back from the State regarding the park or the Montana plan.

Sandra Kern noted that she is looking forward to using the new Sehmel Homestead Park fields. Mrs. Kern stated that she is using the new City of Gig Harbor field and she also reviewed with the Board participation figures for her Lacrosse and Soccer classes.

The Board then had a discussion regarding sodding the fields, the maintenance barn and the pavilion at Sehmel Homestead Park. Marc Connelly noted that the current date for opening is around August 1st. Commissioner Iverson then requested that the staff prepare a report on the current status of Sehmel Homestead Park with a timeline from the contractor about when the fields will be ready. Commissioner Hancock also requested a listing of the bids and credits for the sodding of the fields and the maintenance.

ITEM 7 COMMENTS BY BOARD

None

ITEM 8 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matter

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director's evaluation at 7:55 P.M. for 20 minutes the Board returned from Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

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

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Junge made a motion to adjourn the meeting,
Commissioner Iverson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15
PM.

APPROVED BY BOARD ON: 5-18-09



President



Clerk

5-18-09

Date

Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen