



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 1, 2010

PRESENT: **Board Members**
William Sehmel
Curtis L. Hancock
Jon Ortgiesen
Scott Junge

ABSENT: Todd Iverson

Staff
Marc Connelly
Elaine Sorensen

Visitors
Vernon Young – Envirocorps
Julie Ann Gustanski – PenMet Foundation
Mark Roberts – District Attorney
Sandra Kern – Peninsula Athletic Association
Haven Doane – PenMet Foundation
Barb Carr – Gig Harbor Community Gardens

PLACE: PenMet Parks
Administrative Office
3622 Grandview Street
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5:30 PM **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Junge at 5:30 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hancock made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendment – Move Item 4.A public comment to Item 1.A. Commissioner Ortgiesen seconded the amended agenda and the motion passed 4-0.

1.A PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Carr from Gig Harbor Community Gardens distributed a brochure and gave a presentation on the background of the community gardens and its focus to help prevent childhood obesity with nutrition and education. Ms. Carr reviewed the history of the gardens in Gig Harbor, the local business supporters and partners and the 2010/2011 expansion plan for the gardens. Ms. Carr asked the Board for an endorsement from the District and the opportunity to help start community gardens in any of the District parks that are appropriate for Community Garden projects. Marc Connelly noted to Ms. Carr that this would be a great opportunity to partner with the Master Gardeners in the District parks and he would also have the recreation staff contact Ms. Carr about other partnership opportunities. Commissioner Junge gave the Gig Harbor Community Gardens the District's endorsement and encouraged them to check into the Peg Grant for possible future assistance with garden expansions. Marc Connelly also noted to Ms. Carr that the staff would put the Community Gardens information on the District website.

1.B COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Marc Connelly presented some supplemental cost information to the list of suggested possible additions, deletions and changes to the comprehensive plan that were distributed at the last Board meeting. Commissioner Sehmel noted some concern regarding the higher maintenance costs and requested that staff provide a more detailed breakdown and description of the costs to maintain these properties. Marc Connelly then answered questions about what is included in the figures that were presented and the level of maintenance for each property.

Commissioner Junge handed out sections of the comprehensive plan and noted to the Board that he is trying to get some preliminary work done on priorities for the comprehensive plan before the Board retreat.

Commissioner Sehmel noted to the Board that there is an easement into Peter's Pond that could be used as a walk-in trail from the road.

ITEM 2 SEHMEL HOMESTEAD PARK WORK PLAN UPDATE

Marc Connelly presented a report on the possible cost and timing schedules for the construction and installation of the boardwalks, bullpens and swings in Sehmel Homestead Park.

Commissioner Sehmel noted concern about the cost of the bullpens and requested that staff prepare a revised report and eliminate the synthetic turf and use 75L x 12W x 6H foot fencing with a mow curb for the pen with a sprinkler system and leveling off each end with dirt mounds for the pitcher and catcher.

Commissioner Sehmel asked about the budget for the \$100,000 security system and the possibility of using these funds for these additional park projects.

The Board then had a discussion about timing of the boardwalks and a decision was made to go to the small works roster and obtain bids from a construction firm to construct the project.

Commissioner Sehmel noted that he does not mind some delay on the completion of the projects because the park is still very wet but would like to make sure that they are completed before the fall.

The Board then requested that staff obtain the revised quotes for the projects and report back at the next Board meeting. Commissioner Sehmel would also like to see the return on investment of maintenance expense using artificial turf in the bullpens as opposed to grass.

Marc Connelly also reported that he is still trying to get a bond from the County in order to proceed on the project for installing the swings. Commissioner Junge asked why play tiles are being used for the playground instead of chips. Marc Connelly noted that this is the recommended standard for District parks because it is much easier for disabled children to move around on tiles for access to the play equipment than other materials and that it is much easier, more efficient, and less costly to maintain.

ITEM 3.0 CITIZEN COMMENTS

Julie Gustanski commented that the PenMet Foundation has received several negative comments because Harbor Family Park had yet to be developed.

Commissioner Sehmel noted that the public had a chance to pass a bond to fund the development of the property but it did not pass. He suggested that the property may need some revised signage to explain the future

development of the site.

Marc Connelly noted that an eight to ten million dollar bond will probably be needed to develop the Harbor Family site.

ITEM 4 STAFF REPORT

None

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

5.A APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- February 22, 2010

5.B APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST

- February 22, 2010 Voucher List
 - Summary: \$ 24,534.64
 - District reference numbers: 2010026-2010050
- February 22, 2010 Voucher List
 - Summary: \$ 3,507.87
 - District reference numbers: 2010051-2010054

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Sehmel seconded and with no discussion the motion then passed 4-0.

ITEM 6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.A Sehmel Homestead Park - Pavilion and Maintenance Barn

Marc Connelly noted that the estimate for preparing the bid documents has not changed so the Board needs to make decisions regarding the redesign of the pavilion and maintenance barn. Commissioner Junge requested that both of these projects be placed on the next Board agenda and the staff present what concepts they would like included in the new designs.

Commissioner Junge asked about the design invoice for the toilet shelters and Marc Connelly explained that this expense was in the adopted 2010 budget.

ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEM 8 COMMENTS BY THE BOARD

None

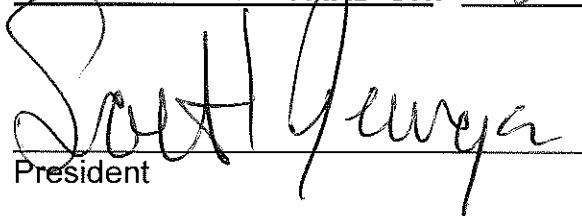
ITEM 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session regarding property matters and real estate negotiations at 6:35 p.m. for 25 minutes. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. and extended Executive Session by 15 minutes. The Board then returned from Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hancock made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Orgiesen seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD ON: 3-15-10



President

 3-15-10
Clerk Date

Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen