



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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"Today We Touch Tomorrow"

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday February 1, 2010

PRESENT: **Board Members**
William Sehmel
Curtis L. Hancock
Todd Iverson
Jon Ortgiesen

ABSENT: Scott Junge - Excused

Staff

Marc Connelly
Elaine Sorensen
Eric Guenther

Visitors

Vernon Young – Envirocorps
Richard Petrich – Fox Island Resident
Peter Petrich – Fox Island Resident
David Petrich – Fox Island Resident
Terry Donahue – Fox Island Resident

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 Hancock at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Iverson nominated Commissioner Ortgiesen as temporary Clerk of the Board for the meeting; Commissioner Sehmel seconded the nomination and vote passed 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Sehmel made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion with the following amendment: Item 6.A has been moved to Item 2. The amended agenda and the motion then passed 4-0.

ITEM 2 CITIZEN COMMENTS

6.A Resolution R2010-003 DeMolay Property Acquisition

Marc Connelly reviewed the purpose for purchasing the property and the negotiations with the DeMolay Board regarding the acquisition. Mr. Connelly then requested that the Board authorize the Executive Director to sign a purchase and sale agreement for the acquisition of the DeMolay property on Fox Island. Commissioner Sehmel moved to approve Resolution R2010-003 to acquire the DeMolay property and Commissioner Ortgiesen seconded.

Richard Petrich presented a letter to the District regarding the sandspit and his concerns with the care of the property. He noted his concerns with the District being able to manage the traffic, parking, erosion of the bulkhead, the wildlife and the potential hazards of the mud and sand at low tide.

Commissioner Hancock thanked the public for their letter and noted that he does not want the park to be overcrowded and become a problem with the neighbors.

Vernon Young thanked the Board for pursuing the purchase of the Fox Island Spit because it is a wonderful piece of property.

Peter Petrich made a statement to the Board expressing his concern because of the delicate ecology of this piece of property and the number of people who will be using this beach and taking sacks of clams, shells and clay babies. Mr. Petrich noted that there are nesting eagles, moon snails, herons, ospreys, shrimp and eel grass which needs to be protected. He also noted that there could be hundreds of people during the summer which will impact traffic on the bridge and narrow roadways. He is concerned about a lot of boats in the area and the gas, oil and fumes in the water and how will the District provide adequate parking, bathroom facilities and protection of the private tidelands around the property. Mr. Petrich then asked the Board about possible new County regulations regarding wetlands and low tides.

Commissioner Iverson noted that he lives in the Wollochet Estuary area and he noted his personal concerns regarding protecting this piece of property. He stated that the District will be diligent to try and keep a minimal environmental impact regarding the property and try to limit the number of people that will be using the park.

Commissioner Hancock assured the public that there will be a public planning process on the property and the waterfront permitting process will take three to five years to complete and this process will protect the concerns that have been stated.

Terry Donohue noted his concern with the care of the County parks on the island which are advertised on the PenMet Parks website. He stated that these parks have trash, parking and septic problems and some of the sites have hosts to try and control these issues. Mr. Donohue asked the Board if a host will be on site to protect the Fox Island Spit property and will there be portable toilets, parking facilities and will the road be widened.

David Petrich noted his concern about the parking situation and the use of the property and asked the Board how they would limit the number of people that will access the park.

Commissioner Sehmel commented that he would like to see the park used just exactly like it is being used now except that all of the dilapidated stairs and facilities will be replaced and the property would remain in its current state with no major changes.

Commissioner Hancock explained to the audience that the District does not maintain the County parks on the island. If the District does take them over in the future, they will be maintained differently.

Marc Connelly noted that the District has the same values as the public and wants to protect this piece of property. Mr. Connelly talked about adequate facilities for the property, a camp host and possible education programs regarding the ecology of the property. He stated that rules and regulations signs will be installed, the property will be maintained and the District will be prepared to monitor the property access by the public and be a good neighbor.

Commissioner Hancock explained the permitting process for the property.

Peter Petrich noted to the Board that Bella Bella Drive can not handle the traffic that this park will attract and it is a safety problem.

With no further discussion Commissioner Hancock then called for the vote and the motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Iverson and Marc Connelly encouraged the Fox Island residents to stay in communication with the District regarding the property.

Vernon Young asked about Wollochet Estuary property #4 and the invasive ivy.

Eric Guenther noted that he has talked to Mr. Smith and he will address the ivy.

ITEM 3 PRESENTATIONS

3.A None

3.B Staff Report

Sehmel Homestead Park

Marc Connelly reviewed the options available to address the unsuitable soils. Commissioner Sehmel asked if a new construction timeline could be presented and reviewed at the next meeting.

Madrona Golf Course

Commissioner Sehmel noted that he spoke with Mark Roberts and the lease on the golf course just needs Marc Connelly's signature and then it is complete.

Easter Egg Hunt

Eric Guenther noted that the Easter Egg Hunt is on April 3rd at Goodman Middle School.

RCO Grants

Commissioner Hancock requested that staff add RCO grants to the discussion for the next study session.

Personnel Recruitments

Bill Miller noted that two offers have been made to maintenance candidates and both candidates have asked to be started at salary Step 5. Marc Connelly noted that he has given authorization to start at Step 2. Mr. Miller then described the differences in experience between the top four candidates.

Marc Connelly noted that he has two finalists for the recreation position that he will interview this week and will make a decision by

the end of the next week.

3.C Presidents Report
None

ITEM 4 CONSENT AGENDA

4.A APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- January 4, 2010
- January 11, 2010

4.B APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST(S)

- January 4, 2010 Voucher List
 - Summary: \$ 200,659.43
 - District reference numbers: 2009524-2009532
- January 11, 2010 Voucher List
 - Summary: \$ 7,318.32
 - District reference numbers: 2009533-2009535
- January 11, 2010 Voucher List
 - Summary: \$ 27,752.20
 - District reference numbers: 2009536-2009549
- January 04, 2010 Voucher List
 - Summary: \$ 11,424.95
 - District reference numbers: 2010001-2010005
- January 19, 2010 Voucher List
 - Summary: \$ 15,141.67
 - District reference numbers: 2010006-2010011

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

ITEM 5 Unfinished Business

5.A None

ITEM 6 New Business

6.B Dog Park

Commissioner Sehmel recommended to the Board to stop pursuing the opening of a temporary dog park due to the parking issues, etc. and just continue to let the public use the parks as they are currently doing. He

noted that the staff can then continue to pursue a permanent off-lease dog area with the Olympic Property Site.

Commissioners Hancock and Ortgiesen agreed with this recommendation.

6.C Sehmel Homestead Park Concession RFP Submissions

Marc Connelly noted that there was one submittal and staff will come back at the next meeting with a resolution for approval.

ITEM 7 COMMENTS BY BOARD

None

ITEM 8 COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

None

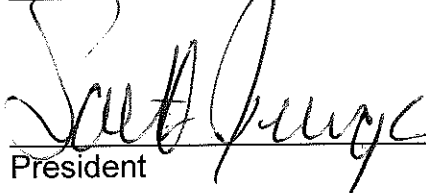
ITEM 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session regarding property matters and a personnel matter at 6:52 p.m. for 10 minutes. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Iverson made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Ortgiesen seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD ON: 2-22-10



President

 2-22-10

Clerk Date

Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen