



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2023, 4:30 PM

Community Recreation Center Administration Office - 2416 14th Ave NW, WA 98335

Call to Order Time: 4:30 PM

Commissioner Roll Call:

	Present	Excused	Comment
Steve Nixon, President	X		
Maryellen (Missy) Hill, Clerk		X	
Amanda Babich	X		Zoom
Kurt Grimmer	X		
Laurel Kingsbury	X		Zoom

Quorum: Yes

ITEM 1 Public Comment Provided By:

- Andy Michels
- Betty Lilienthal

ITEM 2 New Business

2a. Resolution R2023-017 Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute the Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County, Washington for Appropriation of Park Impact Fee Funds

Commissioner moved; Commissioner seconded.

Memo overview by Executive Director Ally Bujacich and District Counsel Mark Roberts.

Board discussion: Comment by Commissioner Babich: Park Impact Fees are to be spent where they are collected by new development. Millions of dollars have been collected in PenMet Parks District boundaries, and zero dollars have been put back into our community so far. In 2016, 100% of new development park impact fees were promised, and we have tried to get data on what has been collected. The funds need to serve where they are collected. This amount and much more is due back to the residents. I hope the board continues to pursue this issue to make this right for our District residents.

Comment by Commissioner Kingsbury: echo what Commissioner Babich said and thank her for articulating our position clearly. I support this resolution now because it is what we have, and I will continue to pursue this so that our residents get all the money that is due to them.



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President Nixon commented in favor of the resolution: The formation of PenMet Parks does not relieve Pierce County of the obligation of what they are collecting taxes for in this region. This agreement is a beginning step. I want to thank Pierce County Executive Dammier, the County Council, and, in particular, Councilmember Denson and Senior Policy Analyst Mike Kruger for their work on this appropriation. Also, thank Executive Director Bujacich and Counsel Mark Roberts for bringing this resolution to the Board. Great example of a partnership to provide services with and through PenMet Parks. I look forward to continuing this work and advancing this relationship for the benefit of our unincorporated residents.

Roll call vote. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

In consideration of Board Clerk Maryellen “Missy” Hill being excused, Commissioner Kurt Grimmer was appointed Clerk for 12/19/2023 meeting.

ITEM 3 **Comments by Board:** Commissioner Babich’s last meeting, thank you for your service. Thanks to Park District staff, we are sitting in the new building.

ITEM 4 **Next Board Meetings**

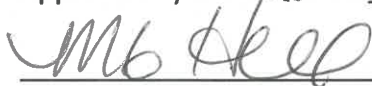
January 9, 2024 Study Session at 5:00 pm and Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm at the Arletta Schoolhouse at Hales Pass Park - 3507 Ray Nash Drive NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

ITEM 5 **Adjournment Time: 4:56 PM**


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Approved By the Board on 1/9/2024


Board President


Board Clerk


Attest: Ally Bujacich

Submitted by: Robyn Readwin, Board Secretary