



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

### Special Public Meeting: Tacoma DeMolay Sandspit Nature Preserve Shoreline Restoration Wednesday, April 21st • 6:00 pm

PenMet Parks invites you to a Public Meeting Wednesday, April 21st at 6:00 pm via Zoom for discussion about the Tacoma DeMolay Sandspit Nature Preserve shoreline restoration. There will be opportunities to share your input. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm and run until around 7:30 pm. For questions, please contact Chuck Cuzzetto at [CCuzzetto@penmetparks.org](mailto:CCuzzetto@penmetparks.org) or (253) 858-3400. We look forward to your participation! You can join the Special Meeting via Zoom by using the Meeting ID: 859 6824 2972. You can also join the meeting via teleconference by calling +1 253-215-8782. Meeting ID: 859 6824 2972

#### Commissioners Present:

Amanda Babich  
Kurt Grimmer  
Maryellen (Missy) Hill  
Steve Nixon  
Laurel Kingsbury

#### Staff:

Matthew Kerns  
Chuck Cuzzetto  
Eric Guenther

#### Outside Staff:

Jessica Cote/Blue Coast Engineering  
Mary Krauszer/Pierce Conservation District  
Greg Curtiss – Blue Coast Engineering  
Mike Behrens – Harbor WildWatch  
Gisele Sassen/Waterfront Environmental

### ITEM 1 Public Meeting Agenda

Meeting opened at 6:03 pm

Marketing Specialist Chuck Cuzzetto opened the meeting and introduced Planning and Special Projects Manager Eric Guenther.

Guenther gave welcoming remarks and gave a brief history and overview of the agenda for the Tacoma DeMolay Sandpit Nature Preserve Shoreline Restoration project. Guenther introduced Mary Krauszer from Pierce Conservation District, and Krauszer introduced the rest of the study team. Krauszer gave project origins, an overview of the project, along with a practice poll.



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Jessica Cote from Blue Coast Engineering gave an overview of coastal processes, healthy shorelines along with historical change data on the Tacoma DeMolay Sandspit shoreline. Cote gave an overview of the feasibility study process.

Gisele Sassen from Waterfront Environment presented a poll and Q&A to gather public input from attendees, the Board, and staff and a chance for them to offer their feedback.

Krauszner presented the next steps for the study, including two additional public meetings, one in July and one in September. Krauszner invited Mike Behrens from Pacific Lutheran University. Behrens presented the Harbor Wildlife Beach Monitoring program goals, which include other sites besides the DeMolay Sandspit. Behrens explained sampling protocols.

Guenther explained how visitors to the DeMolay Sandspit could be good stewards and neighbors. Guenther and Commissioner Kingsbury thanked everyone who participated. Guenther mentioned that the presentation recording would be made available for viewing for those who could not attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON: 6/1/21

President

Clerk

Submitted By: Stacie Snuffin