



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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STUDY SESSION MINUTES

April 07, 2020, Approximately **5:00 pm**

ATTENTION: Protecting the public, our partners, and our staff are of the utmost importance. Due to recent health concerns with the novel coronavirus, the Park Board has decided to host the meeting online. In accordance with the Governor's Stay at Home Order issued on March 23, 2020, the public is strongly encouraged to participate via teleconference. You can listen to the study session and regular meeting by phone at the following number +1 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 353 842 216

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hill at 5:14 pm

Commissioners Present:

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

Staff:

Doug Nelson
Elaine Sorensen
Eric Guenther
Stacie Snuffin
Ed Lewis
Chuck Cuzzetto

ITEM 1 Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Grimmer made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Nixon. The agenda was approved with a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 2 Board Discussion

2.a Covid-19/Coronavirus Update Discussion

Executive Director, Doug Nelson, lead a discussion regarding the Covid - 19/Coronavirus and the influence it has had on PenMet Parks operations. He discussed the cancelations of programs and postponed events. He also mentioned that trails and dog parks currently remain open and that PenMet has taken special measure with signage to reinforce safe practices. Nelson asked the Commissioners if they had any park usage considerations. Commissioner Kingsbury was grateful that the trails were open and asked about current signage. She mentioned that a sign needed to be updated on one of the trailheads. Nelson discussed park guidelines and requested support for leaving the upper Sehmel parking lot open for trail users. This measure was recommended as an effort to prevent



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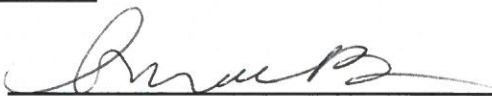
parking on the streets and encroaching in neighborhoods and private properties. Commissioner Nixon was happy to see the parking lot at Sehmel open and usage at several PenMet Parks trail areas. Nelson mentioned the grounds and maintenance crew and the essential duties they perform; and stressed the importance of their safety. He discussed the office staff and their implementation of procedures for staying safe as well. Nelson gave an update on the roles of essential District staff and summarized the projects that the Recreation team has been working on during this time. Projects include; implementing connections with our community through Facebook, YouTube videos, and various activities through the PenMet Park's website. The Board and staff discussed the PenMet drive up Easter Egg Hunt. Executive Director, Doug Nelson, explained the process and the safety measures that would be taken for this event. Some of the Board expressed concerns about how safe it was to do the event as planned and recommended the use of alternative methods for getting the egg basket kits out to the community.

ITEM 3 **Adjournment** Commissioner Hill adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON: _____



President



Clerk