



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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STUDY SESSION MINUTES

February 20, 2024, 5:00 PM

Community Recreation Center Administration Building – 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Call to Order: 5:01 PM

Commissioner Roll Call:

	Present	Excused	Comment
Maryellen (Missy) Hill, President	X		
Laurel Kingsbury, Clerk	X		
Kurt Grimmer	X		
Steve Nixon	X		Via Zoom
William C. (Billy) Sehmel	X, Joined at 5:07 PM		

Quorum: Yes

ITEM 1 Board Discussion

1a. Review the Tacoma DeMolay Sandspit Master Plan

PowerPoint Presentation by Baumwelt’s Derrick Eberle, Special Project Manager Barry Shields, and Boe Architect’s David Boe.

Board Question: Is there a price difference between concept pavilions A and B? **DE Answer:** Option A is an off-the-shelf style, around \$180,000, and Option B is more custom and would be more expensive, \$450,000. **Board Comment:** The layout is fantastic; it takes advantage of the current conditions of the park and the elevations; kudos to you and the community. Looking forward to the final master plan. No major changes to suggest at this time; I do like the French gable-style pavilion. Is the Pavilion at Skansie Park French Gable? **DE Answer:** I appreciate the comments; once we arrive at the budget, we can investigate if we can add custom features. **Board Question:** There is a budget for 75 new trees. Will 75 existing trees be coming down? **DE Answer:** I cannot tell you the exact number of trees that will come down; that will be more evident with the grading. Seven are in the ADA dropoff area, and 19 are in the ADA paved walk, about 26 total. If we can save them or grade around them, we will. **Board Question:** In the parking area, in the paved demonstration, will there be an option to add some vegetation to the turn islands? **DE Answer:** Yes and no, functionality for wider turns, compromises with a grass pavement or trees with tighter pinch points. **Board Question:** Phasing in lower beach lawn and overlap with Pierce Conservation District to expand that project? **DE Answer:** It is a unique opportunity with both projects going on at the same time and how we can coordinate—better answer in the coming months.



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1b. Strategic Plan Update and 2023 Annual Report

PowerPoint Presentation by Executive Director Ally Bujacich

Board Comment: I appreciate the formatting, the layout, and the accessibility of this; it's nice to see a snapshot of the successes and hard work. Great job, Executive Director Bujacich, and to the whole staff for coming up with innovative ideas and implementing them. **Board**

Comment: Thank you for the presentation; enjoy the document; it is a great way to connect with the public. What is the plan for distribution? **Staff**

Answer: Publishing on the District website, printed copies at park sites, partners, and areas where park guides are distributed, and bringing them to events. **Board Comment:** Amazing statistics for seniors and teen programs. Phenomenal, keep it up. **Board Comment:** Excellent use of the financial assistance to open it up to the community. **Board**


Comment: Thank you for putting this together, the way you are able to articulate the work that we have done, and for the online availability and transparency.

ITEM 2 Adjournment Time: 6:04 PM

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Approved By the Board on 3/5/2024


Maryellen (Missy) Hill, Board President


Laurel Kingsbury, Board Clerk


Attest: Ally Bujacich

Submitted by: Robyn Readwin, Board Secretary