



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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STUDY SESSION MINUTES

January 5, 2021, 4:00 PM

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hill at 4:03 PM

Commissioners Present:

Maryellen (Missy) Hill
Kurt Grimmer (Joined meeting at 4:05)
Amanda Babich
Laurel Kingsbury
Steve Nixon

Staff:

Hunter George
Elaine Sorensen
Stacie Snuffin
Chuck Cuzzetto
Eric Guenther

Outside Staff:

Ally Bujacich

ITEM 1 Approval of Agenda

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

ITEM 2 Board Discussion - Capital Improvement Plan Priorities

Interim Executive Director Hunter George gave the Board some background on PenMet's Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He noted that Community Recreation Center Project Manager Ally Bujacich is working on a cash flow projection that will soon provide useful data on funds that will be available for other PenMet projects. George briefly discussed some of the items on the CIP list and their rankings along with grants and how those have affected the order of the list. Planning and Special Projects Manager Eric Guenther answered questions regarding the CIP list from Commissioners to help them get a better understanding of the order of the those items and how they get formulated. George reported that he will bring back the CIP list with the PenMet Staff score separated from the Commissioners' scores.

Commissioners discussed their reasoning behind their rankings, which led to dialogue about moving items up or down the priority list. Commissioners and staff had discussion about the need for an updated Master Plan for the Peninsula Gardens property since some of the original needs have been handled by other projects. They discussed the possible acquisition of the Narrows Park West



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property, including the need for a Conceptual Plan. Commissioners and staff discussed PenMet's Maplewood property and the parks with open space in the district. George and Commissioners discussed the possibility of partnering with the Peninsula School District to create more playgrounds for public use that could be guaranteed by Inter-Local Agreements. Staff and Commissioners discussed the need to update the Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan.

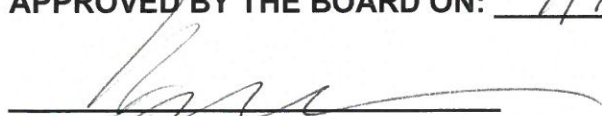
Commissioners and George discussed the merits of doing a Park Board field trip in the spring to visit some PenMet properties and better visualize the capital improvement needs. They touched on other items on the CIP list and other properties in general, including a possible spray park and the status of Peter's Pond.

Staff noted that PenMet holds easements that would allow for building a trail between Sehmel Homestead Park and Rotary Bark Park, and there was discussion about communicating with neighbors to remind them of those easements.

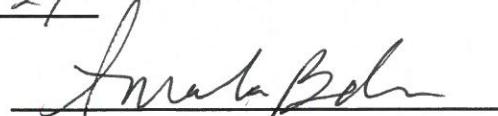
Commissioner Babich made a request for the Board to be updated on any issues or changes that come up regarding PenMet properties that would change the urgency of the rankings on the CIP list. George and Commissioners agreed that Commissioners and staff will do a new round of CIP project rankings in light of all the information from the discussion, and the Board will discuss it at the January 19 meeting. The staff's recommended ranking will also be updated to include input from maintenance and recreation staff.

ITEM 3 Adjournment President Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON: 1/19/21



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