



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 06, 2021, 6:00 pm

Sehmel Homestead Park, Volunteer Vern Pavilion (10123 78th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA, 98332)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Babich at 6:03 pm

Commissioners Present:

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

Staff:

Ally Bujacich
Chuck Cuzzetto
Eric Guenther
Stacie Snuffin
Louise Tieman
Ron Martinez

Attendees:

Sarah Stancikas
Nicole Hempill
Wayne Marks
Heather Maher
Sherry Bolender
Jeff Miller
Tanya Lewis
Bill Shemel
Allen Benson
Jenn Benson
Aurelie Boyer
Joshua Hardwick

ITEM 1 Approval of Agenda

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

ITEM 2 Citizen Comments:

Heather Maher, one of the Swim Safe Gig Harbor Campaign co-founders, gave a background on why the group was started. Maher spoke about how the community needs an accessible, affordable community pool/aquatic center where kids can learn how to swim and about water safety, as well as a safe place where people of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy it. Sarah Stancikas, another co-founder of the Swim Safe Gig Harbor Campaign, expressed her support for a community pool. Stancikas expressed that she would like to see the community aquatic center be built on the Peninsula Gardens location. Stancikas commented on the growing population and asked for help to provide a place for the community to swim safely. Jeff Miller introduced himself. Miller spoke about the Narrows Aquatic programs and the number of kids who participate in those programs. Miller said limited



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availability of pool time impacted the number of people who could participate. He also expressed his support for an aquatic center for athletes and for aquatic safety. Tanya Lewis commented on her support for a community pool to give local kids another place to gather.. Allen Benson commented on the lack of pool time locally and how far families are traveling to get their kids any swim time. He spoke about a comprehensive plan for a pool in Gig Harbor. He suggested looking at the aquatic center in Newberg, Oregon. Benson commented further on the need for structured programs, teaching kids to swim, getting kids in college, a place for people to train for the Olympics, and the lines his family has stood in at Peninsula High School to get them into swimming lessons and how the population has grown five times since that time.

Administrative Assistant Stacie Snuffin read public comments that were sent in via email. Christine Cody, Meghan Bacharach, Alisa Stigter, Erica Ward, Colleen Grotzky, Sarah Kowash, Christie Hutchins, Donna Ryan, Michael Sovitsky, Jennifer Sovitsky, Kristen Mulhern, Meredith Emerson, Eun Park, Issac Park, Isla Park, Noah Park, Candice Sanchez, Andres Sanchez, Alejandro Sanchez, Melania Sanchez, Jessica Hopkins, Devin Brown, Julia Buell, Kendalyn Harris, Allysha Boll, Alicia Smith, Matt Gargalione, Stacy Gargalione, Jessica Wyman, Marisa Hoffman, Jennifer Noble, Jenn Frizzle, Rachel Criddle, Sherry Bolender, Shianne Smith, Amanda Morgan, Jennifer Adiele, Ryan Buchanan, Tiffany Zink, Dion Rurik, Greg Rurik, Katherine Baker, Megan Scarpelli, and Bonnie Stancikas all commented on supporting the Swim Safe Gig Harbor Campaign for the need for a public community pool or aquatic center to fulfill the needs of our growing community. They also commented that they support the development of the Peninsula Gardens property to include a plan for a community aquatic center to meet the water safety goals of the community and a place to provide safe recreational water activities for all. Matthew and Shannon Clute expressed support for a community pool as well but were wanting it on the property located across the street from the new Swiftwater Elementry School or on the property directly behind the YMCA. Cora Reuter, Justin Foster, Wayne, and Tina Marks also commented on their support for a community pool as well. All public comments emailed will be on record with the minutes.

President Babich thanked everyone for their comments and reported that the Safe Swim Gig Harbor Campaign team had been in touch with PenMet's Executive Director and that PenMet Staff will continue to communicate and follow up with them.

ITEM 3 Presentations

3a. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Ally Bujacich gave a brief report on some upcoming PenMet events. Bujacich also reported that PenMet Staff has applied for grant funding through WRPA's SEEK funding program.

3b. Maintenance Department Update

Parks and Facilities Manager Ron Martinez gave a maintenance department update that included new and seasonal staff, their everyday tasks, current projects, and future projects.



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ITEM 4 Consent Agenda

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

4a. Approval of Minutes

06/15/21 Regular Meeting, 06/18/21 Special Meeting, 06/19/20 Special Meeting

4b. Approval of Vouchers

\$1,875.00 Reference Number: 210606001

\$500.00 Reference Number: 210701001

\$57,782.73 Reference Number: 210602001-210602018

\$82,019.62 Reference Number: 210605001-210605040 (Less Vouchers 210605009 & 210605023)

ITEM 5 Unfinished Business: None

ITEM 6 New Business

6a. R2021-014: Resolution Authorizing CRC Phase II Design Contract

Executive Director Ally Bujacich excused Project Manager Curt Gimmestad as he could not make it to the meeting. Bujacich gave a background on the Phase I design contract work and what is included in the Phase II scope of design work.

Commissioner Hill made the motion move to approve Resolution 2021-014, authorizing the Executive Director to sign the agreement, in substantially the form attached, with BRS for Phase II design services for the Community Recreation Center project. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

6b. R2021-015: Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Sehmel Homestead Park Lighting Project to the Park Improvement Fund and Amend the 2021 Capital Budget

Planning and Special Projects Manager Eric Guenther gave a background on the Sehmel Homestead Park Lighting Project. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Nixon made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-015 to transfer \$417,219.73 from the Sehmel Homestead Park Lighting Project to the Park Improvement Fund and amend the 2021 Capital Project Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Kingsbury. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 7 Project Update

7a. CRC Marketing Committee

Bujacich gave an update on the CRC Marketing Committee meeting weekly since the last board meeting and what they have been working on in the meetings.

ITEM 8 Comments by Board



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Commissioner Hill commented that she had checked in with the other Commissioners regarding sponsoring the 2021 Gig Harbor Veteran's Day Event as they did last year. Hill reported that the commissioners are pledging \$500 each from their legislative funds for a total of \$2,500 to go towards the event and that the event coordinators would recognize PenMet Parks as one of the event's sponsors.

Commissioner Kingsbury commented that she had been in touch with constituents who use PenMet Parks' pickleball courts about the reservation policy. Kingsbury talked about mitigation of scheduling and requested that PenMet study court management practices. Commissioner Hill also stated that a constituent had contacted her regarding court usage as well and that she had spoken with Executive Director Ally Bujacich about the conversation. Commissioner Kingsbury asked about QR codes being posted at the courts as a part of reserving courts online. Bujacich commented that she spoke to a constituent as well and believes there are some short-term solutions or management steps to take within PenMet policy and that staff will circle back with the Board with a solution.

Commissioner Kingsbury commented on her appreciation of the Swim Safe Campaign group, and she is excited to hear from them again.

President Babich commented on a prowler that had been sited near the DeMolay Sandspit and wanted everyone to be aware and that they could possibly be approaching by water.

ITEM 9 Next Board Meetings

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 (Study and Regular) Study Session at 5:30 pm and Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm at SHP Volunteer Vern Pavilion.

ITEM 10 Adjournment

President Babich adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON: 7/20/2021

President

Clerk

Submitted By: Stace Snuffin