



Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

October 15, 2019

6:00 p.m.

District Office

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Overmyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Kasnick, Achziger, and Dusenbury; District Clerk Linda Ray, and District General Manager Deschenes

Commissioner Young was not in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Kasnick led the flag salute.

ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

President Overmyer requested that agenda item 7d, Mission Vision and Values, be moved to the meeting on November 5th when all of the Board members are in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT -- None

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Dusenbury moved to approve the Consent Agenda including the vouchers and electronic transfer requests processed in September 2019 totaling \$66,955.39. Commissioner Kasnick 2nd. With no further discussion, the motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

a. 2020 Budget/Levy

District General Manager Deschenes will provide a copy of the revised Budget to the Board by the end of this week.

Commissioner Achziger stated that the Tukwila pool presented their 2020 Budget at their meeting on 10/14 and feels it would be a good measure to benchmark it to what the District has prepared. The Commissioner offered to share a copy with the DGM via thumb drive.

DGM Deschenes stated that it appeared from their on-line meeting transcript that Tukwila had also presented their 2020 rate schedule. Commissioner Achziger confirmed that a rate schedule had been presented. President Overmyer requested a copy of that document as well by end of the week.

b. Aquatic Feasibility Study

DGM Deschenes reported he had contacted Doug DuCharme of BLRB last Wednesday (10/9) and requested to have a scope of future work prepared by the November 5th meeting. This report will detail replacement of certain equipment at the pool that may be at the end of life span such as seismic piping and the air handler.

President Overmyer asked the DGM to research a seismic study that was previously done on the building that gave a rating and report.

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Commissioner Dusenbury stated that it would be advantageous to perform this research as justification for a new facility.

The DGM said also that a bucket test was being performed bi-monthly by the Aquatic Manager to detect any leakage from the failing joint.

c. Employee Handbook

President Overmyer stated the Handbook had been reviewed. There was minimal feedback from Board members. She therefore called for a motion.

Commissioner Kasnick moved to approve the current version of the Employee Handbook as the acceptable Human Resources guideline for District and Mt. Rainier Pool employees. Commissioner Dusenbury 2nd. With no discussion, the motion was passed 4-0.

d. Mission, Vision and Values

President Overmyer moved this item to the November 5th meeting as all Board members were not present.

e. Closure Update

District General Manager Deschenes reported that comments received from Doug DuCharm with regard to closure and retainage were forwarded to legal counsel. We are awaiting a response. No further communication has been received from the contractor either.

Commissioner Achziger stated that the Tukwila Pool would be closed for maintenance from November 15th to December 23rd for resurfacing.

f. Silver & Fit Contract

President Overmyer will be signing contracts for Silver & Fit and Silver Sneakers tomorrow (Wednesday, 10/16).

Commissioner Achziger asked the Board if he could further comment on the Tukwila Pool. He stated that they would also be doing a deep cleaning of the facility while they are closed and asked if Mt. Rainier Pool would be doing the same during our maintenance closure in December.

DGM Deschenes answered that the scope had not yet been set. It is hoped that re-grouting of the men's shower and replacement of drop-in tile over the stands can be scheduled during closure.

President Overmyer stated that she may be able to donate some drop-in tile from another project.

Commissioner Achziger inquired if the acoustic (vinyl) strips for sound absorption could be replaced. DGM Deschenes will take a look at what is required but stated that he thinks it will require building scaffolding in the pool that may take longer than the planned closure. The strips are on our current CIP list for replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Policy 320 – Admissions and Refunds

District General Manager Deschenes reported on an update to Policy 320 – Admissions and Refunds addressing increases to fees and rates. The DGM stated that item #6 from the policy (once approved) should be added to the website's fees page to alert patrons of the process of rate increases. He is not advocating a sharp increase, but to gradually introduce small increases annually based on the rate of inflation.

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President Overmyer asked the Board members to evaluate the changes presented to Policy 320 and to bring their comments to the November 19th Board Meeting.

b. 2020 Fee Schedule

The DGM reported that at the most recent WRPA meeting, a rate increase of 20% was discussed. In an attempt to reach as many people in our community as possible, the District will introduce an increase across the board of only 5% to provide for a gradual rise in fees over a longer period of time as suggested previously.

Commissioner Achziger commented that our rates are set based on lifeguard wages and the fact that our beginning wage is so much higher than most facilities, he feels we should reconsider cost of living raises to stabilize rates.

The DGM countered that the public would rather see quality staffing at the pool as a means to a safer environment. Our wages are set on a scale depending on the position filled and experience; and are in line with both Tukwila Pool and King County Aquatic Center.

President Overmyer ask the DGM to draft an updated salary matrix to reflect area wages at local pool facilities.

The Aquatic Manager will report on the fee schedule in detail during his quarterly report on November 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS –

- November 5, 2019, Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- November 19, 2019, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. District Office

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ray, District Clerk

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Commissioner Overmyer



Commissioner Kasnick

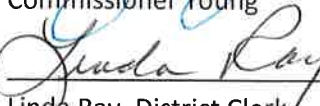
Commissioner Achziger



Commissioner Dusenbury



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