

DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

P.O. Box 98711

Des Moines, WA 98198

Martin P. Martinson, President

Nancy N. Kuehnoel, Clerk of the Board

Gene Achziger, Commissioner

Eric Kasnick, Commissioner

Bernadette Barrett, Commissioner

Study Session Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

at Highline Community College, Student Union Building,

Skokomish Room, 2400 S 240<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines 98198

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Insurance - Commissioner Kuehnoel

b. Communications Plan, Website - Commissioner Achziger

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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OLD BUSINESS ITEM E: Website – Commissioner Achziger

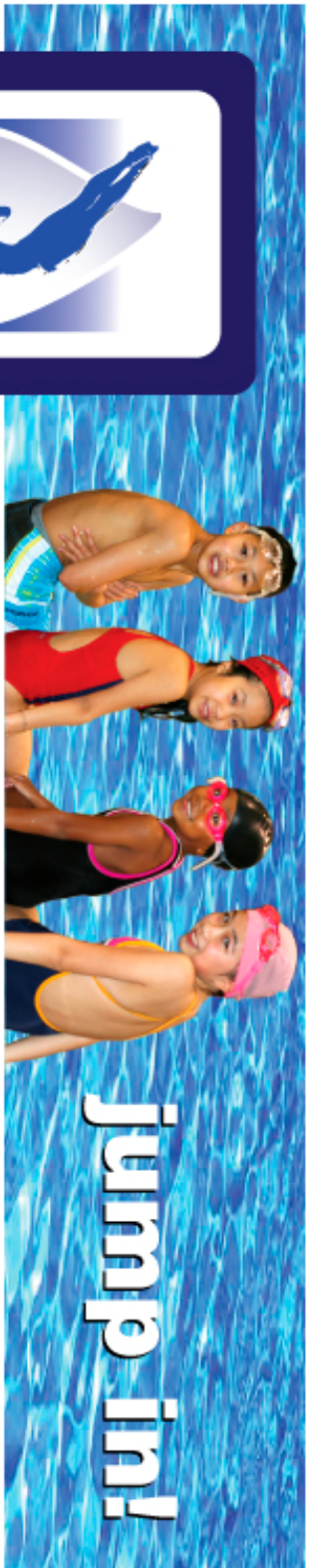
This item is submitted for discussion and/or adoption approval to launch the site.

Please find attached the latest progress on the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District website.

While there is still work to be done on the site, we are ready to launch. I would expect some continued tinkering throughout the Highline Community College spring quarter as I am in the second phase of my web design class and continuing to learn new techniques.

Commissioner Barrett purchased the domain names earlier this year, so we're ready to go once approval is given.

We probably should also consider a publicity campaign to announce the new site.



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### Welcome to the website of the new Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

We know the name's a mouthful but it is our official title. We are, however, more often referred to in casual reference as the Des Moines Pool District as our sole mission is to operate a swimming facility for the residents of Des Moines.

After years of threats to close the former King County Forward Thrust pool at Mount Rainier High School, City of Des Moines voters approved the formation of the district during the Nov. 3, 2009 general election.

District commissioners are currently engaged in negotiations with the Highline School District to take over operation of the pool adjacent to Mount Rainier High School. The pool was originally opened on Sept. 15, 1975 as a result of a 1968 Forward Thrust bond issue that would eventually build 16 public swimming pools throughout King County. Budget constraints, beginning after 2000, led to the closure or transfer of many of the pools after county officials sought to turn the facilities over to local governments. Mount Rainier Pool was operated by the cities of Des Moines, Normandy Park, Sea-Tac and the Highline School District from 2004 to 2009 when it was slated for closure.



On March 6, 2009, the pool became the sole property of the Highline School District, which retains ownership to this day. The Des Moines Metropolitan Park District entered into an interlocal agreement on April 1, 2010 with the school district to oversee operation of the pool and act as the school district's agent for the facility. Aquatic Management Group of Kent manages day-to-day operation of the pool under contract with the school district.

### What we are trying to accomplish

Our goals are to provide water-safety education, support an active water-fitness program and support competitive-swimming.



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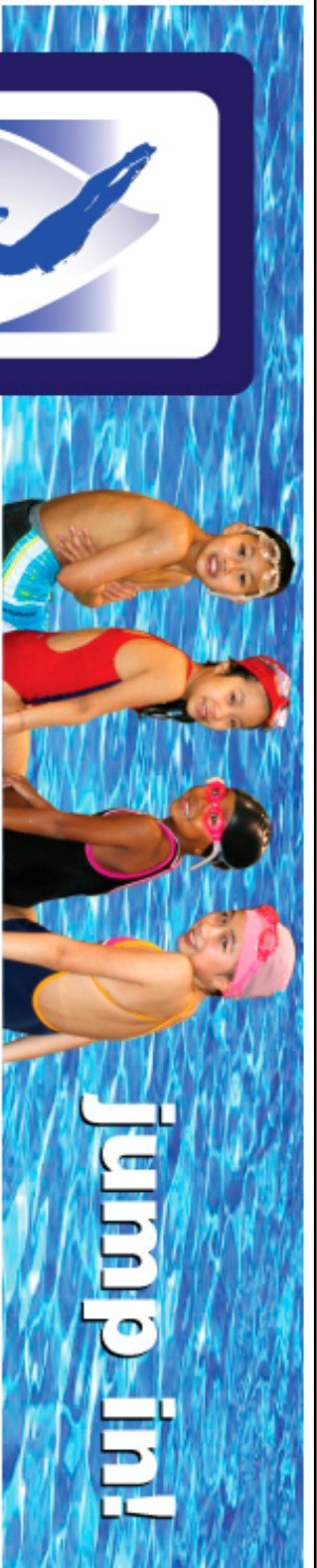
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### Links and Resources

Helpful and informative links regarding Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District and related organizations.

- [Mount Rainier Pool](#)
- [Highline School District](#)
- [Mount Rainier High School](#)
- [Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department](#)
- [City of Des Moines](#)
- [City of Normandy Park](#)
- [KING Aquatic Club](#)
- [Whitewater Aquatic Club](#)
- [USA Swimming](#)
- [Weyerhaeuser/King County Aquatics Center](#)





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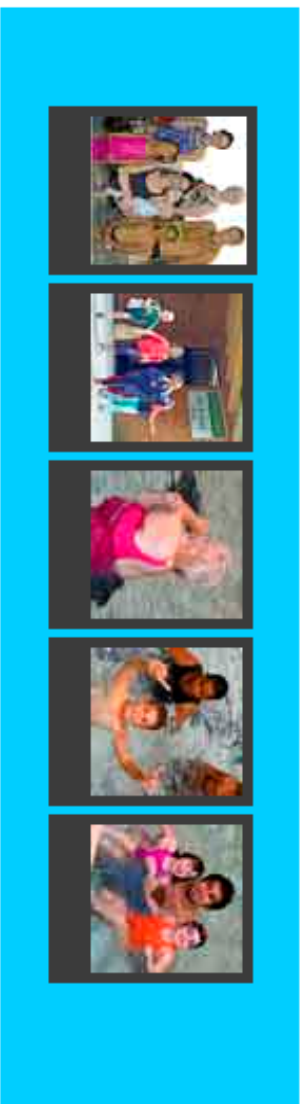
### About the District

The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District was created by a vote of the citizens of Des Moines on Nov. 3, 2009 to acquire, maintain, and operate Mount Rainier Pool or other pool facility. The measure was approved by 64.15 percent of the voters and the commissioners were sworn in at their first official meeting on Dec. 3, 2009.

The district includes all of the area currently within the boundaries of the City of Des Moines.

The district is a municipal corporation with all the powers provided in chapter 35.61 RCW, including the power to levy an annual tax on all taxable property within the district in an amount not to exceed \$0.20 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The district also has the power to contract indebtedness, issue general obligation bonds or revenue bonds, and to exercise the right of eminent domain.

The district is governed by a five-member board of commissioners elected by all qualified voters residing within the district. The initial terms of office are staggered and, beginning in 2011, all commissioners will be elected to six-year terms. The length of staggered terms reflects the vote totals of each commissioner with the top two receiving six-year terms, the third and fourth highest vote-getters receiving four-year terms and the fifth highest vote-getter receiving a two-year term.





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### Board of Commissioners

On Nov. 3, 2009, the voters of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District elected five interim commissioners to the newly authorized district. The commissioners are elected at-large for the district that coincides with the boundaries of the City of Des Moines. The initial meeting of the board was conducted on Dec. 3, 2009 and Marty Martinson was elected President and Nancy Kuehnoel was elected Clerk.

The length of terms for commission positions is established at 6 years. However, in accordance with state law, the initial terms are "interim terms" with the length determined by the number of votes each commissioner received in the Nov. 3 election.



**Position 1**  
Gene Achziger  
Commissioner  
Term expires:  
12/31/2015  
Committees:  
Administration,  
Facilities



**Position 2**  
Eric Kasnick  
Commissioner  
Term expires:  
12/31/2015  
Committees:  
Communications



**Position 3**  
Bernadette Barrett  
Commissioner  
Term expires:  
12/31/2013  
Committees:  
Communications



**Position 4**  
Marty Martinson  
President  
Term expires:  
12/31/2013  
Committees:  
Facilities



**Position 5**  
Nancy Kuehnoel  
Clerk  
Term expires:  
12/31/2011  
Committees:  
Administration





### Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District meeting information

The Board of Pool Metropolitan Park District Commissioners meets for its Regular Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Midway Sewer District offices, 3030 S 240th St Kent, Washington (across the street from the Midway Lowe's Hardware).

Review our meeting minutes: (click on date to download pdf)

<b>December 3, 2009</b>	
<b>January 5, 2010</b>	
<b>January 19, 2010</b>	
<b>February 2, 2010</b>	
<b>February 16, 2010</b>	
<b>March 2, 2010</b>	
<b>March 9, 2010 Special Meeting</b>	

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