



**Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District
22015 Marine View Drive South**

July 17, 2018
4:30 p.m.
District Office

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Overmyer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Dusenbury, Achziger, and Young; Aquatic Manager Dominic Finazzo, DGM Deschenes, and District Clerk Linda Ray. Commissioner Kasnick joined the meeting after roll call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -- Commissioner Achziger led the flag salute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS -- None

PUBLIC COMMENT -- None

BUSINESS

Presentation

Commissioner Achziger presented the King County initiative, "Best Starts", to promote learning among young children and bridge gaps between socio-economic and racial groups. King County is looking for proposals on programs to help children get off to a good start. One more proposal is needed. Commissioner Achziger met with Bernie Dorsey regarding opportunities for swim lessons. An Australian study found that children learn best if before kindergarten age and are ahead of their peers by as much as 20 months, particularly in math and in instruction comprehension. Ages 5 to 8 are prime for learning to swim. Kids who have struggles with hand eye coordination are much improved after swimming.

King County is interested to know if we want to participate. There is already a group in Burien working with Evergreen.

A discussion regarding transportation of children from pre-schools and day cares ensued along with the need for parental participation. The Aquatic Manager would need want information on what is being asked of his staff in order to facilitate the program. He also stated that he could not guarantee he would have staff capacity in order to cover the program.

Commissioner Achziger explained that the contract term starts on October 1, 2018 and goes through December 2020. The 1st phase is for planning and the program would roll out next summer. Thirteen grants will be offered.

President Overmyer suggested a letter to Highline School District stating our interest based on staffing to determine if we can participate. Commissioner will provide a contact name and address.

22015 Marine View Drive South, Suite 2B

Des Moines WA 98198

To enhance our community's quality of life by providing access to and promoting participation in aquatics programs

The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District is committed to compliance with both the Washington Law Against Discrimination and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The District's regular meeting room has limited access for wheelchairs and other mobility assistive devices. To accommodate individuals requiring the use of such devices, please notify the District at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to allow for relocation to a more accommodating venue. Please contact Linda Ray, District Clerk, 206.429.3852 to make a request.

With no further discussion, President Overmyer moved that District General Manager Deschenes and Aquatic Manager Finazzo prepare a letter with an address provided by Commissioner Achziger of our willingness to participate in the grant. Commissioner Kasnick 2nd. Passed 5-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS –

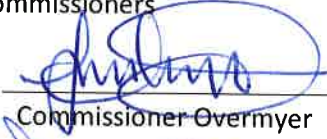
- July 17, 2018, Regular Meeting, 5:00 p.m., District Office
- August 21, 2018, Regular Meeting, 5:00 p.m., District Office

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ray, District Clerk

Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District Board of Commissioners

 _____ Commissioner Achziger	 _____ Commissioner Overmyer
 _____ Commissioner Young	 _____ Commissioner Dusenbury
 _____ Commissioner Kasnick	 _____ Linda Ray, District Clerk

22015 Marine View Drive South, Suite 2B

Des Moines WA 98198

To enhance our community's quality of life by providing access to and promoting participation in aquatics programs

The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District is committed to compliance with both the Washington Law Against Discrimination and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The District's regular meeting room has limited access for wheelchairs and other mobility assistive devices. In order to accommodate individuals that require the use of such devices, please notify the District at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to allow for relocation of the meeting, if necessary, to a more accessible location. Please contact Linda Ray, District Clerk, 206.429.3852 to make a request.