



Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

July 9, 2019
6:00 p.m.
District Office

MINUTES RETREAT MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Kasnick led the flag salute.

ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

President Overmyer requested the addition of item “g” to the agenda, titled Aquatic Feasibility Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS -- None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

BUSINESS

a. Pool Covers

President Overmyer continuing on the discussion that was started at the June 18th meeting. The issue was that the pool covers were taking up deck space that can be used for other purposes. It was discussed that elimination of the covers may make it impossible to address issues created by their non-use. It was stated at the last meeting that the covers were obtained from a PSE grant. It was discovered from research into the minutes from November 2013, the board approved a \$10K purchase of used covers which are the ones currently at the facility. When they were purchased by AMG, the covers were 7 years old. McKinstry at the time, did an energy evaluation of the pool facility and their recommendation was for a \$125K mechanized option to eliminate heat loss. The cost-efficient option to purchase the used manual covers had been approved by the Board and the plan was to keep them for 3 years which would max out their 10-yr lifespan.

WAC code 404-11 was implemented in 2015 stipulating the use of pool covers at new pools. Our facility was grandfathered in and so would not be required to adhere to the same code as a new facility. According to legal counsel, we do not need to use pool covers at this time. Covington’s assessment suggested use of covers, but it is not an urgent need. They compensate for any variance in water temperature by keeping ambient temperature higher. In researching past years PSE bills it would appear our slightly higher temperature does not affect energy cost.

Commissioner Achziger noted that covers are of value not only to energy savings but that they contribute to the elimination of corrosion and reduce the need for additional chemicals. He added that the Tukwila Pool was conflicted about using covers, but because of the recommendation by the Department of Energy, they made a decision to continue using them.

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Aquatic Manager Dominic Finazzo stated that our covers are not in good condition and should be surplussed. He also stated that deployment of the covers costs the District a considerable amount in staff man-hours citing the 2 hours daily it takes to deploy at closing and to remove them at opening. There is a physical impact on staff as well which has resulted in a number of L & I claims from other facilities.

A question was asked as to whether or not new covers will be purchased. President Overmyer would like to postpone that discussion to a future meeting.

Commissioner Achziger requested an inspection of the covers and suggested contacting PSE for grants if the decision is made to replace the covers.

President Overmyer asked the DGM to pull the report done by McKinstry and send to the Board members for review. She encouraged the Board to evaluate options and to make a decision when there is additional information.

b. Budget Calendar

District General Manager Deschenes that after the summer, the District will have viable data in order to begin discussions on the 2020 budget. On the agenda for discussion will be the Capital Plan and possibility of replacement of pool covers. The Finance Committee will need to review and discuss the salary matrix. A first draft of the 2020 budget will be available at the October 1st retreat with November 5th as the final recommendation date. The public meeting will be held on November 19th.

President Overmyer asked the DGM to schedule meetings for the Finance Committee and the Capital & Contracts Committee.

c. HSD Pool Lane Rates

President Overmyer indicated that information for future discussions in drafting a new contract with Highline School District was included in the Board notebooks for this meeting. She encouraged Board members to review the information for discussions at a later time.

d. Silver & Fit

DGM Deschenes sent a copy of the proposed contract with Silver & Fit to legal counsel for review. He will report to the Board when he has more information.

e. SMAC Contract

President Overmyer reported that the District presently has a contract with the Seattle Metropolitan Aquatics Club (formerly CAAT) and it is not proving to be mutually beneficially to either party. DGM Deschenes contacted WRPA members for information on their current standards for private swim teams. All suggested contractual scheduling and cancellation policies. In surveying area facilities, only Snohomish rents to a private team while all others rent to high school teams. The Snohomish facility is constructed with two spaces and can accommodate swim teams in a separate building, unlike facilities similar to ours.

President Overmyer feels the District spends too much time and energy catering to this private swim team which is taking time away from public swim time. SMAC has cancelled much of their contracted practice time leaving the pool with empty programming while pool users are asking for the scheduling of additional lessons.

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Aquatic Manager Finazzo added that it is difficult to prioritize SMAC's needed space. He had to delay publishing the summer schedule because he had to wait for SMAC's scheduling requests.

It is President Overmyer's stated her opinion that SMAC should be subject to the same scheduling as any user. If there is another user that can use the space, then they will get it. The present contract does not allow the District to have control of our own program.

Commissioner Achziger voiced that the District initiated the contract with SMAC before the facility had re-opened and that it is difficult for swim teams to schedule last minute. He feels SMAC adjusted to what was available to them at the time. He advocates a discussion with SMAC to find out why they are not using the time allotted to them.

After further discussion, the Board agreed that an amendment to the SMAC contract should be drafted containing stricter language on cancellations. It was stated that the District and Mt. Rainier Pool is willing to work with the swim team but needs to change how the relationship is structured.

President Overmyer directed the DGM to proceed with the immediate negotiation of an addendum with a cancellation policy. The draft will be presented at the next meeting.

A 10-minute break was called at 6:49pm to allow Board Members to fill out a questionnaire addressing the Board's progress on the direction of the Aquatic Feasibility Study.

The meeting reconvened at 6:55pm.

Commissioner Kasnick asked AM Finazzo if he will contact other pool managers to find out what direction they take with swim teams and cancellations. The AM was also asked about attendance at recent pool events: 200 comp passes were issued to users that had to be turned away; the event was opened to more people the 2nd hour with 20 spectators. Ninety-two people attended the \$1.00 event last Saturday.

f. Facilitator RFQ

District General Manager Deschenes reported that he had not yet received a response to the RFQ which was sent out the week of 6/24. The deadline for responses is Thursday, 7/12.

g. Aquatic Feasibility Study

President Overmyer asked each Board member to share their comments from the questionnaire. Comments are on file.

The discussion turned to the City's vision for Parks and Recreation and how the District can form partnerships going forward. President Overmyer stated that it is necessary for the Board to reach out and form relationships with the City and to understand the vision of the school district. She encouraged the Board members to be more active in the community.

The DGM recapped available options for providing an improved pool facility based on the findings of the Aquatic Feasibility Study. President Overmyer summed up the discussion by saying the Board needs to make decisions and as such the DGM will begin setting up some meetings.

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President Overmyer reminded the Board members of the Special Meeting on August 6th at 6:00 p.m. at which the Aquatic Manager will report and the District GM will update on 2nd Quarter Financials. The District Clerk will send meeting invitations.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.


UPCOMING MEETINGS –

- August 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting, District Office
- August 20, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, District Office

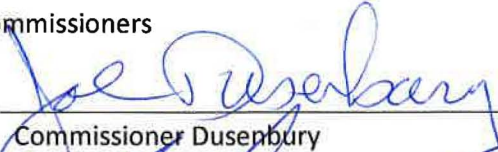
Respectfully submitted by Linda Ray, District Clerk

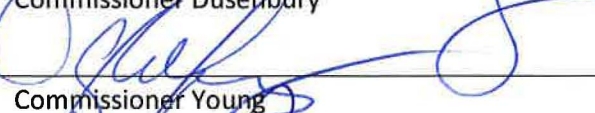
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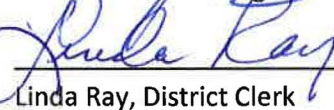

Commissioner Overmyer


Commissioner Kasnick


Commissioner Achziger


Commissioner Dusenbury


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