

## **Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District**

March 17, 2020 6:00 p.m. District Office

# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Kasnick led the flag salute.

### ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

President Young requested changes to the agenda due to COVID-19 as follows:

- Old Business items will be discussed at a later time
- New Business items will be covered to include COVID-19 and pool updates
- Add 8c. Wenatchee Youth Circus discussion to New Business

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS -- None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None** 

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Kasnick moved to approve. Commissioner Croom 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Corona Virus Update

District General Manager Deschenes reported that last Sunday evening, Governor Inslee made a proclamation that all public and recreational establishments will be closed until at least March 31<sup>st</sup>. The District made the decision to close Mt. Rainier Pool as of Monday, 3/16, after discussions with Tukwila and that Evergreen was also shutdown. Staff was notified via email and a general email was sent to the public. We will be offering extensions to anyone with a facility use and water exercise pass and credits or refunds for lessons. Each lesson participant family affected will be called individually to give them the opportunity to ask questions. We will follow the dictates from the State of Washington on the length of closure. Even after it is deemed safe to re-open, we will limit the number of programs offered in order to maintain a safe environment.

We are being flexible with leave for the staff and if they call out sick, we will not require a doctor's note when they return to work as long as they are not symptomatic. The managing staff is working to obtain a digital thermometer and will monitor staff upon entering the building. Only lead (essential) staff will be at the facility during the closure and will perform a deep clean. They will also re-organize storage to prepare for surplussing.

If we are closed after the first two weeks, we will use the time to perform needed maintenance that was planned for August, thus negating the need to close later this summer. Projects could include ceiling tile replacement, refinishing benches, repair grout in the men's showers, update asset management, and deep clean lockers.

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If an extended closure is necessary, we will call an emergency meeting to discuss additional steps. Closure signage has been posted and COVID-19 signage has been posted in English and Spanish on the facility doors.

The DGM learned that the Federal Way pool will pay all employees through the end of the month; Shoreline and Tukwila will be putting together a fact sheet for their employees.

Some of our pool staff members are eligible for unemployment; the Aquatic Manager, Coordinator, and Head Guards will be the only ones paid at the present time. The District Clerk was given the opportunity to stay home this evening or any other time she does not feel comfortable coming in, but she is flexible and needs access to the server in the office to accomplish her tasks.

DGM Deschenes will email copies of this presentation to the Board members. This report will be on file in the office.

In order to keep some costs down, both the air and water temperature at the pool has been lowered temporarily; and the pool covers have been deployed. Our expenses and revenue are stable for the month of March.

### b. Policy/Procedures Review

In past years, the Board has conducted an annual review of Policies and Procedures. The District Clerk has offered the option of providing these via thumb drive in Word format or Board members can review the pdfs on the website and send their changes to the District Clerk via email.

President Young suggested to postpone the review for now unless comprehensive changes are needed to existing individual policies.

### c. Wenatchee Youth Circus

Commissioner Achziger reported that the Legacy Foundation will be sponsoring the Wenatchee Youth Circus at the Waterland Festival on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Destination Des Moines is the event sponsor with Des Moines Legacy Foundation as the financial sponsor. The group will need shower facilities for 75 individuals. He is asking if they can use the Mt. Rainier Pool, and if so, the District will be named as their in-kind sponsor. The group would also like access to the pool itself which would require lifeguard staffing, and access to the shower/changing facilities.

The Board agreed to Commissioner Achziger's proposal. Circus officials will be here March 28 or 29 to discuss logistics with Destination Des Moines and the District can confirm with them at that time.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

DGM Deschenes reported he had talked to several companies about repair or replacement of the failing caulk in the pool floor. He was told by a reputable vendor not to drain the pool to prevent further cracking. There is no need to repair the caulking because for now it is watertight. The DGM added that staff are not detecting any water loss or dirt seepage. A product called Underwater Magic can be applied to fill the crack for aesthetic purposes.

President Young asked Board members if they feel another meeting is needed prior to the April regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> and discussed potential options for remote meetings. If a special meeting needs to be scheduled to further discuss repairs at the pool, this can be scheduled.

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Commissioner Achziger suggested to let the public know that while the pool is closed, maintenance that is normally performed in August is being done now to avoid closure in the summer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS –**

April 21, 2020, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., District Office

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ray, District Clerk.

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