



# Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

August 18, 2020  
7:00 p.m.  
Remote Online

## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Dusenbury, Kasnick, and Achziger; District General Manager Deschenes and District Clerk Linda Ray.

Commissioner Croom was absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Kasnick led the flag salute.

### ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

President Young called for adoption of the agenda as it stands. Passed 4-0

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was asked to submit comments via email and no comments were received.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Kasnick moved to approve the Consent Agenda including the vouchers and electronic transfer requests processed in July 2020 totaling \$84,552.79. Commissioner Dusenbury 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed 4-0.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) to review negotiations on the performance of a publicly bid contract. The Executive Session will be for 15 minutes until 7:20 p.m.

### The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

President Young called for a motion. Commissioner Dusenbury moved that the Board authorizes our legal counsel to work with the contractor to select a mediator of his choice and further authorizes the District General Manager to bring in the subcontractor managed by the contractor to provide a quote and procedure to repair the joint. Commissioner Kasnick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed 4-0.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### a. Re-opening Update

District General Manager Deschenes gave a presentation which is on file. He reported on Governor Inslee's announcement regarding no more than 5 patrons in the facility at a time. After talking to a rep at WRPA, we proceeded with reopening on August 3<sup>rd</sup> after all guidelines produced by the State of Washington, which took a couple of days after the announcement was made. Many pools have decided to hold off opening until Phase 3 with lessons occurring in Phase 3 or 4. Open swims will happen in Phase 4. We are presently in Phase 1.5.

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The DGM further reported that University of Washington prediction models are predicting an increase in the occurrence of COVID-19 in November of this year. We are researching our options on which projects to be prepared if we are required to close again.

Presently, the pool is open at 5:30 a.m. Attendance is okay but some of our patrons have voiced that they do not feel comfortable yet in returning. We will make some adjustments to the schedule for August 31<sup>st</sup> and perhaps increase water exercise times.

Based on the Highline School District's postponement of opening their swim team season, the DGM contacted Ken Spencer at SMAC with our decision not to open the pool to swim teams until Phase 3 or when WIAA swim teams are allowed to return to the pool.

We have increased signage inside and outside of the pool. Masks are being offered at the front door. Patrons are being preregistered and are being asked to shower at home before coming to the facility to eliminate congestion in the shower and locker room areas which are considered high-risk areas. Chairs have been staged on the pool deck for people to put their belongings while swimming. Benches in the locker rooms and on the deck have been sectioned off to maintain social distancing.

COVID-19 information has been posted in the lobby in both English and Spanish.

We are only one of three pools that are open in the area. The others are Evergreen and Tukwila.

### **b. Board Committees**

District General Manager Deschenes presented Resolution 2020-08 to formalize Board Committees that were decided upon at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Kasnick moved to approve; Commissioner Dusenbury 2<sup>nd</sup>. With no discussion the motion passed 4-0.

### **c. Safety Plan Update**

The District General Manager reported there had been some updates to the Safety Plan to include language on the age group permitted into the facility to swim, caregivers per ADA, and mask guidelines. The Plan is required by law and several state agencies may at any time ask to see it while on-site.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Process for Filling Vacancies**

At the July 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting, Commissioner Tricia Croom announced that her family was leaving the area and that she would be stepping down from her position after the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. District General Manager Deschenes drafted a general process for filling that position along with Resolution 2020-06.

According to legal counsel, Commissioner Croom's notice is valid as documented in the minutes of the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Even so, President Young asked the DGM to contact the Commissioner to confirm that she is leaving the board.

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Commissioner Achziger suggested the DGM contact Rashad Norris at Highline to post the job opening at Highline College and also suggested that he contact both Highline School District and the Federal Way School District to reach out to their PTSA's for potential candidates.

Within the draft process document, review of potential candidates was to be done by ad hoc committee. The Board asked for this reference to be removed before approval of the Resolution.

Commissioner Kasnick moved to approve the modified Resolution 2020-06, Adopting Procedures for Filling Vacancies; Commissioner Dusenbury 2<sup>nd</sup>. With no further discussion, the motion passed 4-0.

### **b. Appointment of Clerk of the Board**

Resolution 2020-07 will appoint a temporary replacement for Commissioner Croom in her role as Clerk of the Board until January 2021.

Commissioner Dusenbury volunteered to step into this role.

Commissioner Achziger moved to approve Resolution 2020-07, appointing Commissioner Dusenbury as Clerk of the Board; Commissioner Kasnick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed 4-0.

### **c. Acknowledging Racism**

Discussions on making a formal statement on equity occurred at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. As such, the DGM drafted Resolution 2020-08, A Resolution Acknowledging Racism in collaboration with Commissioner Achziger for review by the Board members.

President Young suggested in order to give everyone time for a better read, the resolution will be pushed to the September 15<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

President Young announced that the next Regular Board Meeting would be on September 15<sup>th</sup>, with the possibility of a Special Meeting before that date to interview potential candidates for the opening on the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Special Meeting, TBD
- September 15, 2020, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., (Location TBD)

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Respectfully submitted by Linda Ray, District Clerk.

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