



# Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

May 18, 2021  
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, Stender, and Achziger; Aquatics Manager Lauryne Thurmond; Melody Leung and Scott Stemper from Stemper Architects; District General Manager Deschenes and District Clerk Linda Ray,

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

### ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

District General Manager Deschenes stated that item 8a of the meeting packet had not been included when sent to the Board members but was sent with its attachment via email earlier in the day.

President Young called for adoption of the agenda. Commissioner Achziger so moved; Commissioner Kasnick 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adopted 5-0.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

District General Manager Deschenes announced that a number of warrants printed by King County Finance were distributed in April to vendors without account information or routing ID and had to be re-issued. Because the correction was made in May, an adjustment of \$10.9K will appear in next month's reconciliation.

In addition, the DGM reminded the Board that filing for King County elections is due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comments were received, and no one from the public phoned into the meeting.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Stender moved to approve the Consent Agenda including the vouchers and electronic transfer requests processed in April 2021 totaling \$76,004.93. Commissioner Dusenbury 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed 5-0.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### a. Engineer of Record Presentation

District General Manager Deschenes introduced Melody Leung and Scott Stemper from Stemper Architects to the Board. Ms. Leung presented several talking points. She explained that Stemper had read reports back to 2008 on various projects, repairs, and replacements completed at Mt. Rainier Pool. In comparison to other Forward Thrust pools in the area, she expressed that MRP is in better condition than most facilities of the same age. Stemper's goal is to assist with whatever direction the Board decides upon, i.e., to either remain at the present facility and

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renovate or build a new one at another site. They have ample experience with either option and have actively assisted other pools in the Seattle area.

Commissioner Stender expressed his views on the size of the population when the pool was constructed in 1975 vs current numbers and how that should influence the direction of the facility.

A discussion ensued regarding what a remodel scope would look like in order to accommodate the type of changes needed to upgrade the facility with a restrictive footprint.

President Young stated that in order to move forward, the Board must discuss and create viable goals for the future of the pool at the next retreat in July.

It was also suggested that discussions be had with user groups and other stakeholders as well as conversations with the other pools in the area to form a regional solution.

**b. Aquatics Manager Report**

Lauryne Thurmond, Aquatics Manager, presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report to the Board. The presentation is on file.

She summarized the current state of programming and said it is still limited due to COVID guidelines. Swim lessons for both children and adults as well as water exercise attendance is picking up. They will be opening up more space for swim lessons over the summer. It is no longer necessary to have adults in the water with kids. Instructors will be back in the pool at the end of June. During the summer, the pool will hold classes free of charge for kids who want to join a swim team. Also, a lifeguard prep class will be held to demonstrate how to pass the Red Cross pre-test.

Swim team practice began in March. Many of the pool staff have transitioned to shorter hours due to their personal involvement in sports. The staff is presently at 76, but only 30 staff members are actively working.

The boiler was repaired which closed the pool for a day. The pulsar feeder was installed at no cost. Pipe repair was done by Aquatic Specialty Services. The sink at the first aid station was replaced.

The Aquatics Manager then offered a staffing presentation which is on file. She stated that LGI and WSI training requires staff prep time and 40 hours of training. This is currently being done by Aquatics Coordinator Quentin Knox. The Board has requested increased programming which will require hiring on more staff. Her hope is to offer training in-house by a qualified full-time specialist.

The AM has stated in the past that there is a lifeguard shortage nation-wide. During the summer months, many staff members divide their time between MRP and an outside aquatics venue. Some staff members leave MRP entirely and may return in the fall.

The position “Assistant Aquatics Coordinator”, has been modified and renamed Education and Training Specialist, and was budgeted for in 2021. The Aquatics Manager would like to broadcast this opening in the WRPA network as well as in regular job search engines. Her hope is to hire a qualified candidate by August.

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President Young suggested that the Board review the new job description and meet at a Special Meeting to discuss. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**c. Annual Financial Report**

District General Manager Deschenes reported that some grammatical edits were made to the drafts Annual Financial Report by one of the commissioners and it is now ready for submission. The DGM will file the information with the State Auditor’s Office online no later than May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**d. Small and Attractive Assets – Policy 650**

This policy was presented at a previous meeting. After Board members review, there were no further edits. With no discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Kasnick to approve Policy 560; Commissioner Stender 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Emergency Repair (Plumbing)**

DGM Deschenes reported that a pipe in the surge pit was leaking and starting to warp. He authorized the repair at overtime rates during a Sunday to avoid facility closure. This repair cost was \$7,900 and was approved by the Finance Committee.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

President Young reiterated to the Board the need to register with King County for the 2021 election.

**ADJOURNMENT**

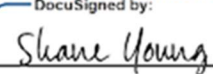
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

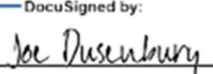
**UPCOMING MEETINGS**


- May 25, 2021, Special Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD
- June 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD

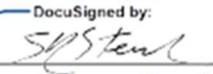
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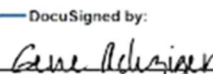
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