



Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

January 4, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Remote Online

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

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

ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA – Adopted unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

District Clerk Linda Ray will be retiring, and Lauryne Thurmond will be taking the meeting minutes as of the starting with the January 18th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was asked to submit comments via email for the public portion of the meeting and no comments were received.

BUSINESS

a. Appointing Board Officers and Committees

At the first meeting of each new year, the Board members elect officers and discuss committee participation.

The following committees and board members will be voted on at the January 18th Regular Meeting:

Finance: Commissioner Young and Commissioner Dusenbury

Policy and Procedure: Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Young

Capitals and Contracts: Commissioner Dusenbury and Commissioner Achziger

Public Outreach: Commissioner Stender and Commissioner Achziger

President Young stated that he was happy to remain as President of the Board. Commissioner Dusenbury would also like to remain in the position of Clerk of the Board. These positions will also be voted upon at the January 18th meeting.

b. Meeting changes

The District General Manager stated that Board Meetings will take place both remotely and at the Mt. Rainier High School library depending on COVID mandates for in-person meetings. The DGM procured new meeting cameras for a better public and board member experience through GoToMeeting.

A discussion ensued regarding a possible COVID mandate to return schools to remote learning due to a surge in the pandemic after the holidays. The DGM said he would update the board if he learns this has been decided on by King County Public Health. The pool facility stands ready to return to previous safety procedures should they be required to do so.

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c. January 18 Resolutions

Resolutions for approval will be included on the agenda for the January 18th Regular Board meeting to solidify a Change of Board Meeting Location, Appointment of Board Officers, Auditing Officers, and Appointment of Committee Members.

d. Future of Mt. Rainier Pool

The District applied for a King County Youth and Amateur Sports Grant for additional programming, but funding has been delayed.

e. Potential Legislation/Grants

The DGM explained other funding options i.e., Vote to Float whereby a portion of the state sales tax is used to fund projects such as new facilities, SEEK grants, and Healthy Communities and Park Funding.

Commissioner Achziger pointed to two parcels of land across from the pool facility that could be a potential for moving site parking. This would free up land for expansion of the pool building.

The DGM stated that he had spoken with King County regarding a \$5K summer program grant and he will process the paperwork.

f. 2022 Projects

The DGM discussed 2022 projects which include vacating the District offices in the first quarter since administration staff is working remotely. Files will be transferred to the pool offices.

Completion of the gate project at the pool: this is weather permitting in the first quarter.

Assessment of the Mt. Rainier Pool building by Stemper Architecture: this depends on receipt of grant money.

Benefits planning: This was discussed at a previous meeting. The DGM would like to offer an expanded benefit package to new and existing employees to retain staff.

Inventory/Surplus: This would provide space for additional offices.

g. Process Improvement

The DGM is planning for an RFQ for new Website Support and for Financial Planning. The District has not entertained new vendors in either of these areas for 5 years. Presently, the District is using Vision MS for financials and the District Clerk is providing financial reporting through the software.

h. Unsettled Business

Due to COVID in 2021 a couple of items were postponed and were not completed. Resolution 2021-04 regarding a statement on Equity was cancelled; and action on an overpayment to the former Aquatics Manager was not finalized before his departure from the District.

i. Bylaws/220 Board and Administration Policy Review

The District Bylaws and the 220 Board and Administration Policy will be reviewed by the Policy and Procedure Committee. The DGM will provide editable copies to all Board members. Comments should be sent to the District General Manager.

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j. Re-introduction of Programming

The DGM will send out a public email announcing the reintroduction of programming at Mt. Rainier Pool. This will include the return of weekday swim lessons and increased hours. During spring break, staff training sessions will be scheduled. Summer programs will include formation of the MRP Swim Club, and new lifeguard training classes.

Other programming will be announced as the year progresses.

k. Next Steps/Goal Setting

The Board will discuss goal setting at the Spring Retreat in April.

A focus on recovering staff and services will be a priority. With the help of lifeguard prep classes and a new hiring process, the pool hopes to be able to attract quality staff into Coordinator, Lifeguard, and Instructor positions.

The Aquatics Manager is forming alliances with other area pools to promote better aquatics in the community.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Achziger gave kudos to the pool staff and the District for going forward with some programming and staff education processes while preparing for pandemic restrictions. He gave praise for not standing down while restrictions were in place.

ADJOURNMENT

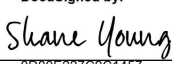

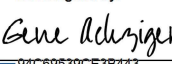
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

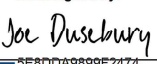
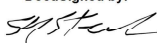
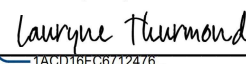
UPCOMING MEETINGS

- January 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location: Virtual

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ray, District Clerk.

Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District Board of Commissioners

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