



Des Moines Pool Métropolitain Park District

September 9, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Hybrid (DMPMPD District Office and Remote Online)

MINUTES SPECIAL "Hybrid" MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Commissioner Dusenbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Commissioners Dusenbury, Campbell, Thorell, Stender, District GM Deschenes, Aquatic Manager Knox, and Resident Achziger. President Young and Commissioner Stender were not present. District GM Deschenes suggested a motion for a recess to allow remaining board members to join the meeting. Commissioner Campbell moved to call for a five-minute recess to allow remaining board members to join the meeting. Commissioner Thorell 2nd. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Dusenbury resumed the meeting at 7:06 pm. Commissioner Stender joined the meeting at 7:07 pm. President Young joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Thorell led the flag salute.

ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA – (No Modifications, Special Meeting). Commissioner Dusenbury asked for a motion to adopted the agenda. Commissioner Stender motioned to adopted the special meeting agenda. Commissioner Thorell 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – District GM Deschenes announced that he is moving the proclamation to item 6c. District GM Deschenes also announced there will be a dedication of the new scoreboard held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at the Mount Rainier Pool at 3:30 pm. District GM Deschenes welcomed all board members to the pool for the dedication if they wished. District GM Deschenes opened the floor to Commissioner Stender and Aquatic Manager Knox for comments. Commissioner Stender voiced excitement to see it unveiled and working. Aquatic Manager Knox had no comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident Achziger asked District GM Deschenes if the proclamation from the city would be presented. District GM Deschenes stated the proclamation would not be presented and apologized that it was not added to the agenda. Resident Achziger stated that the City of Des Moines would be proclaiming September 21st as Mount Rainier Pool Day on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Commissioner Dusenbury asked if there would be recognition of the proclamation at the 50th anniversary event? District GM Deschenes stated he would put something on the events outline for it.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

6a. 50th Anniversary Overview

- (i) **Dedication Outline:** District GM Deschenes began with a quick reminder of the dedication outline that was discussed at the August 26th regular meeting with a few new key notes. District GM Deschenes mentioned reaching out to a group known as the Mountains to the Sound. A foundation started by James Ellis. District GM Deschenes announced that the family members of this group might attend the event along with some other representatives from the organization.
- (ii) **Speeches:** District GM Deschenes went over talking points for speeches. Each Commissioner had an opportunity to give their opinion about who should and should not speak and gave feedback for their speeches.
- (iii) **RSVP Feedback:** District GM Deschenes briefly went over the current list of several dignitaries who have responded to the District's 50th anniversary event invitation. Commissioner Campbell and Dusenbury asked about the dress code for the event.
- (iv) **Invitations to Featured Speakers:** District GM Deschenes discussed a featured speakers for the event including backup speakers.
- (v) **Lobby/Site Setup:** District GM Deschenes shared a photo diagram/map the lobby to show how the event would be set up. District GM Deschenes informed the board that due to the unique shape of the lobby, some chairs had to be removed from each row and depending on the number of guests, there may be standing room only for some guests.
- (vi) **Plaque Update:** District GM Deschenes reminded the board of the original idea for the plaque made from brass which was deemed too expensive at nearly \$8,000. District GM Deschenes shared a second option that was much smaller, but still very costly at \$6,000. Lastly, a third option was shared. A laminate cover w/ printing on the underside. This plaque is available in multiple sizes for significantly less than the other options. The largest plaque size costing \$375 with a turn around time of one week. The board members agreed that the laminate plaque was the best option with the only concern being if the ability to mount the plaque to the old building wall.
- (vii) **Equipment Needed:** District GM Deschenes discussed the necessary equipment needed for the event. Including Tables & Tablecloths, Chairs, A Podium, & PA system, food, drinks, other decorations, signage for overflow parking, cones and caution tape for VIP parking.
- (viii) **Other/General Discussion:** District GM Deschenes shared photos of some other Forward Thrust Pools in the King County area that were developed in the 1970s. District GM Deschenes discussed the outline for the flyer and went over dates for the press release and local TV event announcements for the following week to see if the Ellis family can come out which might encourage the bigger network stations to cover the event. District GM Deschenes shared a video that would be displayed at the event showcasing the Mount Rainier Pool over the past 50 years.

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6b. Resolution 2025-08 Declaration of Moving Forward:

District GM Deschenes reminded the board of a discussion at the May 27th special meeting about planning for the future which included a resolution to notify the community that the District is planning for the future. District GM Deschenes continued by sharing a resolution he wrote that the Mount Rainier Pool is deteriorating, the current facility is too small for the growing communities, and the facility amenities need to be updated to ensure it continues to be a safe and entertaining environment for the community. District GM Deschenes explained the financial requirements to build the new facility. District GM Deschenes also described the details of this resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found in the agenda packet. As a secondary option, District GM Deschenes shared a Mount Rainier Pool At 50 Statement of Concern which describes the critical state of the Mount Rainier Pool and the reality that the facility has exceeded its expected lifespan, and how the District intends to move forward. The Board voiced that they preferred the resolution but mentioned adding an amendment to incorporate an intended date in the resolution. District GM Deschenes amended Resolution 2025-08 Declaration of Moving Forward to include a date for the levy lift by 2028. Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the Board of Commissioners of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District adopt Resolution 2025-08 as amended. Commissioner Dusenbury 2nd. The motion passed 5-0.

6c. Proclamation 2025-04 Honoring James Ellis

District GM Deschenes briefly discussed the proclamation for James Ellis which will be presented at the 50th anniversary event. This proclamation will honor the life and legacy that James Ellis had on the community as a respected attorney, visionary, civic leader, the force behind the Forward Thrust movement and many other areas which included the Mount Rainier Pool. District GM Deschenes suggested this proclamation also includes a special annual swim each year in September beginning in 2026 known as James Ellis Day and mentioned it may be good to get other Forward Thrust pools to do the same in the future. After the proclamation is presented, the plaque is to be unveiled. District GM Deschenes asked the board for feedback on the suggestion and for approval of the proclamation. All board members agreed the James Ellis Day annual swim was a wonderful suggestion. Commissioner Stender moved the Board of Commissioners to adopt Proclamation 2025-04, Honoring James Ellis. Commissioner Campbell 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Good of the Order

The board members all thanked District GM Deschenes, Aquatic Manager Knox, and all pool staff for their hard work putting the plans in place for this momentous occasion and asked that recognition for them be added to their speeches.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- September 23, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Location: Hybrid (DMPMPD Offices and Online)

Respectfully submitted by Angela Melum, District Clerk.

Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District Board of Commissioners

Signed by:

Commissioner Young

Signed by:

Commissioner Dusenbury

Signed by:

Commissioner Campbell

Signed by:

Commissioner Stender

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Commissioner Thorell

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Clerk Melum

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