

KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2009

The public meeting was preceded by a 6:30PM study session. Vice President Greg Anglemyer, Clerk Kip Clinton and Commissioner Bill Trandum were present. Staff present: Executive Director Scott Gallacher and Administrative Assistant Laura Armstrong. Public present: Forever Green secretary/treasurer Kirk Kirkland. Rick Sorrels arrived at 7:10pm. Topics discussed were Senate Bill 5545 (An act relating to local retail sales and use tax for parks and recreation, trails, and open space allocation; and adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW) prepared for the State of Washington 61st Legislature 2009 Regular Session presented by Mr. Kirkland who was asking Key Pen Parks for support of this bill. Commissioners commented that as the Bill sits in black and white they could not support it. A concern that would need to be addressed is that of: Bill 5545 being meant for trails but also includes open space, parks, and recreation; Commissioners felt that these broad topics took away from the real focus of trails. Another concern by all Commissioners was that Metropolitan parks were not listed under Section 1 part 5c that stated "Twenty percent to a grant program for cities, towns, and communities established in subsection (1) which would exclude The Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor from having access to applying for trails within the bills guidelines. The last concern was that the bill did not state that this was a debt service for bond issues and that the public would not be told this until later. Commissioner Trandum stated that if the bill was intended to raise money to purchase bonds then it should be presented to the public up front as such. Mr. Kirkland asked if the Commissioners would support the bill now as is and they would make changes later due to the cutoff date to submit bill. It was unanimous by all Commissioners present that they could not support the bill as written and in doing so would be a grave injustice to the citizen of the Key Peninsula. Second topic Joemma Beach was discussed and concluded that Key Pen Parks would still need to gather more information; that they were nowhere close to being able to make a decisions regarding the possible future of Joemma Beach should the State move forward with the closure. The final topic; the Key Pen Parks Foundation document changes will be reviewed by the Commissioners and taken up during a study session set up before the regular meeting on March 9th.

The public meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Volunteer Park Annex/Office Building by Vice President Greg Anglemyer.

Commissioners Present: Elmer Anderson excused absent on vacation, Bill Trandum, Greg Anglemyer, Kip Clinton. Commissioner Bruce Nicholson arrived at 7:42 pm. Also present for Key Pen Parks were, Executive Director Scott Gallacher, and Administrative Assistant Laura Armstrong.

Citizens Present: Rick Sorrels, Barbara Rowland, Ed Robison, Kyle Chapman, Kirk Kirkland, (forever green treasurer).

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved 3/0

Citizen Comments: From Rick Sorrels, referring back to the proposed bill 5545, he feels that "from the citizens' viewpoints they would be against it," stating "there was nothing in it to benefit the citizens and it would increase taxes. Also the state turning over the park to the district from the citizens viewpoint is just another way to get some more money out of their pockets and if KPP does not have the money to manage it they are going to look to increase the property tax to manage it. So they will be paying more and not getting anything more except what they already have so the citizens are being screwed left and right." Barbara Rowland wanted to say how

excited she was that the Angel Guild has picked up the tab for the adult swing for Home Park and wanted to give them a big thank you. Executive Director Gallacher stated that he planned to take pictures as soon as the swing was installed and send a thank you letter along with it to Angel Guild. Kyle Chapman wanted to know on Joemma Beach what the situation would be if the local parks do not take over, what the future for the park will be, and if the state would lock it up. Commissioner Anglemeyer explained that there were several options the state could choose from: they could keep it open; they could turn it over to Key Pen Parks, give it to some other organization as a swap, or just close it.

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Business Meeting

1. Minutes: The minutes for the January 12, 2009 meeting were approved 3/0.

2. Financial Report: The January 31, 2009 Pierce Co. Budget and Finance balance was \$276,822.61. This total does not include the Monthly Zoo Trek Deposit or the Real & Personal Property tax for January. The Venture Bank balance as of 1/31/09 was \$4200.78. January's expenses were \$24,291.42. Staff provided a total cost breakdown for Home Park's capital improvements for future reference. Site work at \$43,609.16, Picnic Shelter building and site work \$21,704.66, Playground \$73,780.20, Rest room permanent and rental \$18,231.71 and grand opening party \$147.00. Total cost was 157,472.73. The brake down of work and cash donated; Lions club \$500.00 towards picnic shelter, Ed Robison Donated \$4000.00 in Design work and AHBL at 3,500.00. * Information received on February 10, 2009 after the board meeting shows as followed; Zoo trek amount of 9032.11 and Personal Property tax from back dated taxes for 2008 in the amount of 2333.70.

3. Staff Report (see attached report)

a. Home Park: Received \$1500.00 from Angel Guild for an adult swing at Home Park, Received \$250.00 from Hank Appleton for BBQ stand at Home Park.

b. Volunteer Park: Staff contacted Pierce County Parks about REET funds and the process to use with YAF grant. The REET funds are expected to be \$147,850.00, Executive Director Gallacher received an e-mail on February 6th from Pierce county parks staff asking for a description of our project. Staff has been talking to local residents regarding 2009's rental of the concession stand, request for proposals were submitted to the Gateway, Key Peninsula News and placed on Key Pen Park's web site. Commissioners suggested Executive Director Gallacher talk to owners of Home store.

c. DNR 360/Maple Hollow: Legal counsel reviewed and has some points of concern on the lease submitted by DNR, staff will forward it on.

d. Meetings: Executive Director Gallacher attended the following meetings during January 2009, Puget Sound Regional Director of State Parks on Joemma Beach January 13, Forever Green board meeting January 14, Joemma & Kopachuck public meeting January 22, State Auditor's office for cities/agencies January 26, **NOTE:** (Key Pen Parks needs to set method of accounting as a "Cash Bases" system, paper work will be wrote up for next meeting), and a Conference call on Dutcher Cove on January 27 regarding grant money for the tide lands not the up lands.

4. Board Committee and Advisory Council Reports:

a. Home Park Playground Committee (Commissioner Anderson, Chair): No report.

b. Program Guide Committee (Commissioner Nicholson, Chair): Commissioner Nicholson sent Susan the list he had made up for the resource guide, he is not sure of the status. Executive Director Gallacher explained that the program guide will not be online until it is set up and Commissioners review and make a final approval.

5. Board President's Report: The report was given by Vice President Anglemyer who thanked everyone for being here, stated that this was an extremely important time in the growth of our district. During the past month Executive Director Gallacher, Commissioner Trandum, and Vice President Anglemyer met with Senator Kilmer, Representative Seaquist, and Representative Angel to discuss the future for the park district. This was not discussed in detail do to the focus on the Joemma Beach issues. Senator Kilmer who was very concerned about Joemma Beach was not settled on a position. Rep. Seaquist asked "So what are you going to do with Joemma Beach now that you have it?" Vice President Anglemyer tried to convey to each of them that Key Pen Parks was not at that point yet of saying they can accept it and that they have a responsibility to the citizens of the Key Peninsula to make sure they do not do something that would put Key Pen Parks into Bankruptcy. Key Pen Parks has been doing everything possible to gather as much information to make a sound decision, but feel they still might not be ready to make a final decision should Joemma Beach be closed by September 1, 2009. Vice President Anglemyer commented on the recent articles in the paper and was concerned that these articles were leading people to believe that Key Pen Parks Board will do anything it took to keep Joemma Beach open. He stated that the reality of it is, as he and other board members have stated at the park board meetings, they would do everything they can try to keep it open, but everything they can try has its limits. Currently the board has not even contemplated the thought of a future levy as an option to keep Joemma Beach open. Key Pen Park's current Park Comprehensive Plan had an extensive amount of work put into it with surveys from the public and does not include a Joemma Beach. Should the park consider excepting Joemma Beach it would have to be completely redone. Vice President Anglemyer encouraged the citizens to contact their legislatures and let them know how they felt about it and express the fact that it would make more sense for the state to continue to run it.

6. Unfinished Business/Resolution 2009-01 Establishing the Key Pen Parks and Recreation Foundation: Resolution 2009-01 was deferred to the March 9 2009 meeting

7. Unfinished Business/ Hwy 302: Key Pen Parks was asked by the State of Washington to consider becoming a spokesperson for non motorized trails: due to the property we have on the Key Peninsula. Executive Director Gallacher wanted to address any comments that would be included to the scoping process due next week.

8. Unfinished Business/Volunteer Park Score Board: No Report

9. Unfinished Business/Volunteer Park Expansion (Key Center Transfer Station Property): Letter was sent over a week ago still no report.

10. Unfinished Business/Key Peninsula Historical Society: They are working on doing a baseball exhibit for 2009; this does not meet with our guidelines for a grant. Staff is looking into doing a service contract with them.

11. Unfinished Business/District By-Laws Review/Update: Deferred to March. 9 study session.

12. Unfinished Business/Key Peninsula Little League 2009 contracts (Tournament and Batting Cage): KPLL will not be hosting tournaments for the 2009 season; no contract will be signed. The batting cage contract was signed by the Key Peninsula Little League president and presented to the park board for Signatures.

13. Unfinished Business/Joemma Beach: Commissioner Nicholson asked what the value of the property is. Executive Director Gallacher does not have a figure and would only be able to make a guess. Key Pen Parks is not close to being able to make a decision on this issue. Publics concerns were that if they close Joemma Beach and it is left unmonitored that it will become a lure for the homeless, and a place for people to dump trash. Mr. Sorrel's concern was that he

didn't know if the police would even respond out to Joemma Beach and if Key Pen Parks were to take over they would have to consider the cost of hiring security to patrol.

14. New Business/Senate Bill 5545: Topic was discussed during the study session. The consensus of the Board was to address a letter stating that as presented to Key Pen Parks in the form of 5545 bill, Key Pen Parks is unable to offer support and firmly believes that trail systems are in the best interest of the public and this bill clearly excludes our metropolitan district from receiving any of the benefits that the bill proposes.

15. New Business/ Children's Home Society Request: Key Pen Parks co-sponsored the summer fun event and they would like us to co-sponsor again this year. Commissioner's commented that this might be a good grant opportunity for the Home Society to apply for.

16. New Business/ Key Peninsula Fair Contract Cancellation: Key Peninsula fair will be taken one year off, Executive Director Gallacher addressed the contract addendum signed by the Key Peninsula fair dated July 12, 2006 stating that the fair would give a five month written notice prior to the event of any intentions of cancellation and pay a \$600.00 cancellation fee, if notice is given later the full contractual amount shall be due. The question before the board was whether or not to up hold this contract. Commissioner Clinton made a motion; "in consideration of waving the \$600.00 penalty as per the contract the contract will be terminated in entirety". The motion was passed 4/0

17. New Business/General obligation Bond Discussion: Plans for the parks future use of bonds was addressed. This would be based off expected revenue from future property tax. Staff will look at 10-15-20 year bonds and what rating Key Pen Parks would fall under. (See attached info.)

18. New Business/Human Resource Policy Update (Establishing a payroll account at Venture Bank and Holiday/Vacation accrual): This issue will be reviewed by the Human Resource committee.

19. New Business/Property Discussion-Anderson Property: The future possibility of the Anderson property becoming available for purchase was discussed. This property connects to the 360 property, with a house, barn, stables and open space. Due to land being owned by a Board Commissioner the board wanted any discussion to be done during public meetings. This discussion opened up doors with citizens like Barbara Rowland who informed the board of some property's that might be of interest to Key Pen Parks for future use. Barbara also took the opportunity to inform the Commissioners that Jean Zeren has been very ill. All discussions on this topic were solely based on future possibilities for Key Pen Parks.

20. Approval of other minor matters/ Contract for Graphic Designer Services: The contract for on call services was approved 4/0

21. Commissioners Comments/Good of the Order: Commissioner Nicholson would like to see a U.S. government web site that has a good map with beach access links added as a link from Key Pen Park's web site.

22. Meeting Adjourned: The regular public meeting of February 9, 2009, was adjourned at 9:03 PM. The regular March meeting will be on March 9, 2009 at 7:30PM at Volunteer Park and may be preceded by a 6:30PM study session (**topics will be: Key Pen Park's foundation and District By- Laws review**). Key Pen Parks reserves the fourth Monday of each month for single topic meetings should any be needed. Should any regular meeting date fall on a public holiday, the substitute date is the Tuesday following the regular meeting date.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

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