

KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes

Monday February 8, 2010

The regular meeting was preceded by a Study Session/ Staff report: The study session started at 7:15 The Key Pen Parks staff report was reviewed at this time.

The public meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM in the Volunteer Park Annex/Office Building by Vice President Bill Trandum.

Commissioners Present: Greg Anglemyer (excused), Bill Trandum, Mark Michel, Kip Clinton, and Ed Robison. Staff present for Key Pen Parks were Executive Director Scott Gallacher and Administrative Assistant Laura Armstrong.

Citizens Present: Kyle Chapman, Joyce Niemann, Don Mills, Judy Mills, and Rick Sorrels whom arrived at 8:25PM.

Approval of Agenda: agenda was approved.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Special Presentations: None

Citizen Comments: Judy Mills stated that the Historical Society had come across old slides of the parks inauguration of Volunteer Park and wanted to know if the board would like copies of the pictures. Consensus was that the Park District would appreciate copies.

Business Meeting

1. **Minutes:** The January 11th and the January 22nd, meeting minutes were accepted as written.
2. **Financial Report:** The January 31, 2010, Pierce Co. Budget and Finance balance was \$409,100.82. The Zoo Trek deposit was \$8,284.72; a reduction of \$747.39 from the same time period in 2009. Total Zoo Trek collections to date are \$8,284.72. Real and Personal property tax collections were \$0. 2009 delinquent property tax collections were \$2,962.24. Total 2010 Real and Personal property tax collections to date are \$0. Total delinquent property tax collected in 2010 was \$2,962.24. The Venture Bank balance shows \$5,507.59 as of January 31, 2010. January's expenses were \$26,255.99
3. **Staff Report (presented during study session)**
4. **Board Committee and Advisory Council Reports:**
 - a. **Land and Improvement Committee (Commissioner Trandum):** None
 - b. **Trails Committee (Commissioner Clinton):** None
5. **Board President's Report:** None
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **New Business/ Resolution R2010-6, To Surplus the 1991 GMC model K-1 Truck:**
Commissioner Clinton moved to approve R2010-6. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion. The motion was passed 4/0.
8. **New Business/ 2010 Key Pen Parks Grant Program:**
 - a. **Children's Home Society:** This program offers the opportunity for children in the community to attend a summer camp program. Commissioner Robison moved to approve the grant for the Children's Home Society in the amount of \$1000.00. Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion and the motion passed 4/0.
 - b. **Farm Tours:** This program supports the awareness of farms in the community and is a Pierce County Conservation sponsored program. The Commissioners were confused by some of the information on the application. Commissioner Clinton recommended inviting the applicants of the Farm Tours to attend the March 8th park board meeting so the applicant might better explain their request. Commissioner Robison moved to delay action of the Farm Tours grant

application until a presentation explaining need and use of funds is presented. Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion and the motion was passed 4/0.

c. SAIL: A program to support seniors by promoting exercise to help prevent falls and gain better health. Commissioner Robison moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$1000.00. Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion and the motion was passed 4/0.

d. Beyond the Borders: This is a free festival held each year that features different cultures, ethnic foods, art, and crafts. Commissioner Michel moved to approve the grant for \$1000.00. Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion and the motion was passed 4/0.

9. New Business/2010 Key Peninsula Historical Society Contract: This contract is for the 2010 exhibit presented by the Historical Society through the support of Key Pen Parks. This year's subject being "Marine Life through the Years". Commissioner Robison moved to approve the Key Peninsula Historical Society contract as written. Commissioner Clinton seconded the motion and the motion was passed 4/0. Commissioner Trandum stated that it would be a great idea if after the exhibit is set up the commissioners be invited for a viewing.

10. Dutcher Cove: Executive Director Gallacher stated that this was a project that the park district has been working on for the last 2 years involving acquisition of tidelands as well as uplands access. The park district has been successful in partnering with the Department of Ecology for a grant with ALEA (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account) and a national coastal wetland grant to acquire the 26 acres of tidelands which the park district will co-manage with DNR. The park district has applied for upland grants through ALEA for water access but they have not been successful in obtaining these grants. The park district was successful in obtaining a grant for the salmon recovery funding board for \$240,000.00. The Trust for Public Land has an option with the current property owner to step in and buy this land as a bridge for the park district. Executive Director Gallacher has a concern with this; and that is if the park fails to obtain more grants to fund this property. The question Executive Director Gallacher had for the board is; do they want to continue to procure grants to obtain the 14.4 acres of uplands or does the park want to back off the pursuit of this property for now. Commissioner Trandum explained that without the 14.4 acres of uplands there is no other access for the public to the tidelands except by boat. The current property owner entered into an agreement with an option to buy the uplands for about \$1,000,000.00 but this offer expires on March 15, 2010. The Trust for Public Land has offered to step in and purchase the land using their money to exercise the option betting on the park district coming up with the funds to buy them out in the future. Currently the park has about \$240,000.00 in approved grant funds that will expire in 2011. The foreseeable problems with future grant approval is not only getting approved for grants but that the State Legislative has to approve funding of these grants for next year. Commissioner Trandum questioned how long TPL would be willing to hold onto the land, and would they want the park district to move forward with the work needed once they obtain the land. (Examples removal of the cabin, letting the road return to a more natural state, and adding a parking area). Executive Director Gallacher presented a draft document that he had received from TPL that contained a paragraph that sounded to the commissioners like TPL would carry the park and cover the funds should the park not be approved for any future grants or funds. This is an area that still needs to be discussed with TPL for clarity. The decision that will need to be made is whether or not to tell TPL to move ahead with the purchase of the land with the understanding that Key Pen Parks will explore future funding and grant opportunities to buy out TPL. This decision will need to be made by the March 8th park board meeting. Commissioner Trandum suggested that the commissioners all take the draft document received from TPL to review before the February 22nd retreat meeting for further discussion. A decision will be made at the March 8th park board meeting. Commissioner Trandum instructed the Executive Director to come up with and estimate on what the out of pocket expense will be to remove the cabin. Executive Director Gallacher explained that the \$240,000.00 in grant money can be used to cover the cost for removal of the cabin and other items. Executive Director Gallacher will inform TPL that the park is still interested in the option

and will send a copy of the draft document from TPL to the Key Pen Parks legal counsel for their review. Executive Director Gallacher also let the commissioners know that if they would like to see any changes made to the TPL's draft document they would need to let him know as soon as possible, this will allow time for TPL to make those changes if they so choose before the March 8th meeting.

11. Approval of other minor matters: None

12. Commissioners Comments/Good of the Order: Commissioner Trandum met a man that used to be the "A" men's group coach at the University of Southern California who now lives in Lakebay. This gentleman told Commissioner Trandum that he is talking to some of the other boat clubs in the area to figure out how to do a rowing club for the Key Peninsula. Commissioner Trandum let him know about our grant program.

13. Meeting Adjourned: The regular public meeting of February 8th, was adjourned at 9:00PM. The regular March meeting will be on March 8, 2010, at 7:30PM at Volunteer Park and may be preceded by a 6:30PM study session. A special meeting/retreat is scheduled for February 22, 2010 at 7:00PM at Volunteer Park. Key Pen Parks reserves the fourth Monday of each month for special 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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