

**KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT**  
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**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 12, 2006**

**The public meeting was called to order at 7:35PM in the Key Peninsula Sport Center and Fairgrounds (Volunteer Park) Annex by Paula DeMoss, President KPMPD.**

**Commissioners Present:** Paula DeMoss, Jerry Schick, Caril Ridley, Ross Bischoff; also present for KPMPD was Scott Gallacher, Executive Park Director. Kip Clinton arrived late at 7:40PM.

**Citizens Present:** Ben Thompson, Mike Salatino, George Robison, Cindy Robison, Tim Kiezal, Thomas Haus, Bruce Macdonald, Mary Graves, Claude Gherhard, Claudia Loy, John Biggs, Chris Fitzgerald (KP News).

**Citizens' Comments:** Ben Thompson castigated the Board for passing a Commissioners Compensation Resolution. He said he and the KPMPD Formation Committee promised the voters that commissioners would not be paid and that all levies would be voted on by the public. He said that he has received numerous telephone calls complaining that the Commissioners have broken the public trust and are greedy. He said that any future levy would not pass, that Commissioners should prepare to face a recall election and that the offending resolution should be rescinded. Mike Salatino said that he and Ben Thompson donated money to Commissioners who campaigned on "no compensation" and presented a substitute resolution. He said he would file a recall petition; this would damage the KPMPD's reputation and cause people to distrust the Commissioners. It will hurt the district. Any compensation the Commissioners take will decrease revenue available for other purposes causing the district to fire employees. He restated that he was angry, would file a recall petition, would prevent the district from ever passing any levy, and considered the Commissioners dishonest. Thomas Haus commented that the conceptual plan of the DNR 360 did not include any basketball courts; he said that there are no general basketball facilities on the KP where a group could play a "pick-up" game. He asked the Board to include basketball courts on the DNR 360 and, if possible, at other locations on KP. George Robison, of the Lions Club, reminded KPMPD that the Lions Club is ready to proceed on the two projects which KPMPD has approved (bulkhead terracing around Field 2 and the Home Park picnic shelter).

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved 4/0 (before Commissioner Kip Clinton arrived).

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- 1. Land Acquisition Committee:** No report.
- 2. DNR 360:** There is no new information about any transfer timeline. Because of this Committee meetings are on hold for the summer.
- 3. Community Plan:** The KP Community Plan Board is still talking about Parks and Recreation. The next meeting is one week from Wednesday. They addressed the topic of Trails; a number of citizens emphasized the importance of a trail system. The topic of Conservation Futures was discussed. Grant Griffin, Pierce Co. Parks, said that application of Conservation Futures funding can be very creative. They purchase from only willing sellers and can purchase development rights, easements, and fee simple properties. At the end of the KPCP meeting attendees were asked to map possible Conservation Future properties; properties listed on the map get bonus points toward Conservation Future acquisition. Commissioner Ross Bischoff said that he,

Commissioner Kip Clinton, and Park Director Scott Gallacher have been regularly attending the KP Community Plan meetings. Commissioner Caril Ridley, who was appointed to the KP Community Plan Board, discussed the Parks Element and the idea of tax credits and/or development density bonuses for public easements, development rights and fee simple property transfers.

**Staff Report (See Attached Report)**

- 1. Home Park:** Dan Wojatloa of AHBL is working on the landscape plan required by PALS; it is of lower priority for AHBL than other projects and as such is proceeding slowly.
- 2. Volunteer Park:** The concession building was broken into and vandalized; windows (minimum cost \$1200.00 with \$1000.00 deductible) were broken out, signs removed from the restrooms and the surplus parking lot sweepers windows were broken. The playground chips and boarder with the play-dome were installed near the picnic shelter.
- 3. Public Works Property North of VP:** The estimated cost of fencing off the transfer station and buffer area is \$150,000.00. Pierce Co. Public Works has asked for a cost/benefits justification. The benefits are: recreational enhancements for the public in the way of trails (one section of a future "Head-to-Toe" and east to west Trail System); recreational opportunities for the school district by providing a local area for cross country running events; recreational opportunities for the public by providing some additional unimproved camp sites along VP's north access road; educational opportunities (environmental interpretation and studies in conjunction with the school district); possible recreational opportunities by providing a local horse arena in the NW corner of the property near KP Hwy and 66<sup>th</sup> St. some time in the future (difficulty is water supply—possible solution is to partner with Pierce County to extend a VP water line along KP Hwy and in doing so provide service to the waste transfer station). The positive spin is that by increasing the size of VP, it now becomes a "Regional Park" under Pierce Co. guidelines; this would permit KPMPD to pursue additional grants/funding sources for improvements. (Note: Most grants require matching funds.) Pierce County Public Works also asked for an estimated project timeline for each of the projects.
- 3. KPLL:** Their regular season is winding down; All-Stars begins June 18.
- 4. Rocky Creek:** Wood fencing has rotted and vandals have removed the other hardware and posts which prevented vehicle access to the trailhead.
- 5. Programs:** The May 13 Softball Tournament netted \$578.59. There are signs up for the Summer Adult Co-ed Softball program and Summer Sports Camps.
- 6. Meetings:** There is a Metro Park District Directors' meeting on June 20 in Federal Way which Scott will attend; the purpose is to create an agency group to further recreational benefits for the citizens of Metro Park Districts (there is power in numbers). Scott Gallacher recommended that he and any available Commissioners attend a free WGEP Special Event: "Risk Management 101 Training" on July 13 in Tukwila. He also recommended that KPMPD become a member/renew its membership to the National Parks and Recreation Association; the fall conference is in Seattle in the fall and members get a discount if reservations are paid for before August 18.

**Business Meeting**

- 1. President's Report:** President Paula DeMoss, on behalf of KPMPD and the citizens of the KP, wished to thank Peninsula High School and the Seniors who participated in the several Senior Student Projects at VP and RC.
- 2. Minutes:** Page 3, lines 7—9 of the Minutes of May 8, 2006, under Business Meeting: 4. Unfinished Business/Commissioner Compensation, was corrected to read "Commissioner Paula DeMoss said that she would not object to compensation for pre-approved out-of-district events."

The Corrected Minutes of May 8, 2006, were approved 5/0. The minutes of May 22, 2006 were deferred until June 26, 2006.

**3. Financial Report:** Commissioner Kip Clinton said that due to personal issues she did not have a financial report at this meeting. The financial report was deferred until the June 26 meeting.

**4. Unfinished Business/Telephone Directory Listing:** Commissioner Schick requested an update of the telephone directory listing; Park Director Scott Gallacher said that he contacted Centurytel and they said it happened.

**5. New Business/Financial Officer Position:** Commissioner Kip Clinton had requested to be relieved of the Financial Officer position due to family circumstances. She requested that the discussion be deferred until the next meeting.

**6. New Business/Policy on Public Memorials at KPMPD Facilities:** KPLL asked to place a memorial at VP. KPMPD has no memorial policy at this time. Commissioner Schick found WGEP information about other jurisdictions' memorial policy. Commissioner Clinton thought that California and Denver had fairly good policies. This topic was referred to a study session at the next meeting.

**7. New Business/Fair Contract:** Consensus was that the contract seemed fine to the Commissioners; consensus was to send the contract to the KP Community Fair Board.

**8. New Business/Changing to One KPMPD Board Meeting per Month:** Commissioner Kip Clinton said that there is still too much business for one monthly meeting. President Paula DeMoss said that if KPMPD used its time more effectively, it could go to one meeting per month. Commissioner Caril Ridley said that at this time KPMPD needs two meetings because there is too much happening. Commissioner Jerry Schick concurred but that perhaps KPMPD could reduce meetings later in the year (winter) when projects/events slow down. Consensus was to remain at two meetings per month and revisit the topic in the fall.

**9. New Business/Resolution R 2006-04:** This resolution to surplus two old copy machines was deferred until the next business meeting; a motion to surplus has previously been passed.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The KPMPD meeting of June 12, 2006, was adjourned at 8:15PM. The second June meeting will be on June 26, 2006, at 7:30PM in the Annex building at Key Peninsula Sport Center and Fairground (Volunteer Park) and may be preceded by a 6:30PM study session; the first July meeting will be on July 10, 2006 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kip Clinton, Clerk KPMPD.

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