

KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

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Special Meeting Minutes

Monday September 22, 2014

The Special public meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM in the Volunteer Park Office by President Bill Trandum.

Commissioners Present: Ed Robison, Kip Clinton, John Kelly, Mark Michel and Bill Trandum. Staff present for Key Pen Parks: Executive Director Scott Gallacher, Administrative Assistant Laura Armstrong.

Citizens present: Judy and Don Mills, (KP Historical Society), Bob Droll and Don Campbell (Robert W. Droll Landscape Architect, PS), and Tanja McMurray.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda is approved as submitted since no changes can be made to a Special Meeting agenda.

Special Presentations: none

Citizen Comments: none

Business Meeting

1. New Business/ Volunteer Park Upper West Field: Commissioner Trandum suggested the Board consider improvements to the westernmost undeveloped field area at Volunteer Park; it is currently being used as a staging area for maintenance materials and the existing disc golf course is along its perimeter. He suggested that the Board include funds in the 2015 budget for extending an irrigation line and grass seeding it as per the Volunteer Park Master Plan. The logistic limitations of that master plan were discussed in light of the lack of an Interlocal agreement with Peninsula School District. Commissioner Trandum said that any future specific facility or site master plans should be restricted to land that Key Pen Parks either owns or controls.

2. New Business/ Gateway Conceptual Master Plan Goals and Vision discussion: Bob Droll of Robert W. Droll Landscape Architects discussed the limitations of Gateway Park. There are wetland restrictions around Little Minter Creek and the buildings have some issues (fixable structural issues and location complications), however it would be possible to put two multi-use turf fields in the pasture area should that be desired. He mentioned that one synthetic turf field with lights gives equivalent use to 3 unlighted natural grass fields. The basic Gateway Park master plan goals determined by the Board and voiced succinctly by Commissioner Robison are this "A park that we can call a park with Pierce County saying it's a park that we are allowed to use for activities. Second it has to have room to be able to keep holding special activities like Key Fest, Old Timers Show, Farm Tour, and bike/ foot races as a trail head location, parking, bathrooms, and the Wee-Wanua Playground." Bob Droll said that they will hold 3 public meetings to determine citizen ideas for Gateway Park. In the first they will solicit goals and objectives from the public and acquaint the citizens with the logistic limitations of the site. In the second meeting the public will be asked to "design" the park facilities and Bob and Don will consolidate the ideas presented to reach a group consensus. In the third meeting the site plans and ideas generated in the previous meetings will have been consolidated into a preferred plan which will be shown to the public; this plan will then be "tweaked". Executive Director Gallacher said that the first meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2014, at 6:30 PM at Minter Creek Middle School. Because Gateway Park is in the north end of the District, all the meetings will be at Minter Creek Middle School.

There was discussion about Pierce County's lack of criteria for designation a property as a "park" which has been causing confusion for the park district. Executive Director Gallacher said that Key Pen Parks has been having monthly status meetings with Pierce County Planning and Land Services (PALS); he invited Bob Droll to attend the next meeting the afternoon of October 9, 2014. Mr. Droll said he would be there.

3. Other minor matters: none

4. Commissioners Comments/Good of the Order: Commissioner Michel said that the horse trails group has mapped an equestrian/hiking trail along the north side of 360 Trails.

5. Meeting Adjourned: The regular special public meeting of September 22, 2014, was adjourned at 7:38pm. The regular October meeting will be on Monday October 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Volunteer Park annex building and may be preceded by a 7:00 PM study session. 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 and Kip Clinton, Clerk

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