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Single Topic Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 24, 2008

The single purpose public meeting of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order at 7:30PM by President Elmer Anderson. The topic is the 2009 Budget. Commissioners Present: Elmer Anderson, Greg Anglemyer, Kip Clinton, Bill Trandum; also present for KPMPD were Executive Director Scott Gallacher and Administrative Assistant Laura Armstrong. Commissioner Bruce Nicholson arrived at 8:00PM.
Citizens Present: Barbara Rowland, Ed Robison, Rick Sorrels.

Topic: 2009 Budget

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved 4/0. Commissioner Nicholson not present.
- 2. Citizens Comments:** Barbara Rowland said that she was dismayed at the article in the Peninsula Gateway; she expected the Commissioners to work as a team for the good of the Park District. She was dismayed by the tenor of the article implying that the Board was not addressing the needs of the community in a fiscally responsible manner. Rick Sorrels said that the School Board voted to float a 3 year levy in 2009; the vote was based upon findings by a citizens committee. He said that the levy would not increase taxes; it would just maintain the current level of local school tax collections. He recommended that KPMPD do the same.
- 3. Resolution 2008-19 as Required by RCW 84.55.120, A Resolution of Key Pen Parks Regarding the Property Tax Levy (required by law and reaffirms the existing levy amount):** This is a 0% increase (no increase) in the park district's portion of the property tax. The District is asking for a collection of \$600,000.00 to fund maintenance and operations as well as capital improvements/property acquisitions. There was discussion about how tax levies work in Washington State; public entities requesting levy collections must request a set dollar amount and then the county assessor's office determine the cents-per-thousand collection required to fulfill the request. Executive Director Gallacher said that he expects a reduction in collections in 2009 due to the current economic conditions and the 2009 budget reflects that. Vice President Anglemyer recommended a KPMPD reassessment of the topic later in 2009. It was noted that new construction is added to the "banked future levy capacity". It was moved and seconded to approve R2008-19. R2008-19 passed 4/0.
- 4. Resolution 2008-20 A Resolution of Key Pen Parks Protecting Future Levy Capacity (required by law and reaffirms R2007-08):** It was moved and seconded to approve R2008-20. Resolution 2008-20 passed 4/0.
- 5. Resolution 2008-21 Adopting the 2009 Budget:** President Anderson asked whether the budget item for Land and Land Improvements included the payoff amount for the Minter Creek stream access properties; Executive Director Gallacher said that it did. Executive Director said that the 2009 Budget reflected some larger contractual expenses (the Minter Creek stream access properties and the Youth Athletic Facilities Grant for improving Field 1 at Volunteer Park) and that some other items were reduced or deferred because of this. Commissioner Trandum recommended that staff issue a press release that KPMPD is required to balance its budget and the 2009 budget reflects expected tight economic circumstances. Barbara Rowland recommended KPMPD begin discussions with the Longbranch Improvement Club and the Civic Center about partnering with them to install public playground equipment (similar to that at Home Park) at

their facilities. Executive Director Gallacher said that he reduced the Key Pen Parks Grant program somewhat, though several smaller public recreation grants up to \$5000.00 and one grant at \$10,000.00 would still be available. Ed Robison asked whether the budget included funding for the new Volunteer Park Master Plan; Executive Director Gallacher said that \$40,000.00 was budgeted for that purpose. It was moved and seconded to approve R2008-21, the KPMPD 2009 Budget. Resolution 2009-21, the KPMPD 2009 Budget, passed 4/0.

6. Good of the Order: Commissioner Kip Clinton said that the final version of the 2009 Supplement to the Pierce County Solid Waste Plan, just passed by the Pierce County Council, included language about partnering with KPMPD to transfer control of the western half of the Key Center Transfer Station property to KPMPD for recreational uses. Vice President Anglemeyer said that KPMPD should begin forming citizen committees for other projects (example Taylor Bay).

Meeting Adjourned: The Single Purpose Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM. The next regular KPMPD meeting will be at 7:30PM on Monday December 8, 2008; no study session is planned. The first January, 2009 meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:30PM at Volunteer Park; it may be preceded by a 6:30PM study session.

Respectfully submitted by Kip Clinton, Clerk KPMPD.

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