

KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2005

The public meeting of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was preceded by a 6:30PM study session. Bruce Disend, KPMPD's new municipal attorney, introduced himself to the Board; Scott Gallacher, Park Director, had given Bruce a tour of KPMPD's properties earlier that day. Bruce recommended that KPMPD have a 10 to 20 year strategic plan. He will review KPMPD's draft purchase plan and make it clearer and easier to understand. He said that KPMPD will have to make a decision about levy imposition—whether KPMPD wishes to exercise its authority to unilaterally impose a property tax levy next year. He told the board that a municipal corporation has all the powers and rights of any corporation: it can partner or contract with any private, public or corporate entity in the regular course of business; it can make money or a profit; it can sell certain assets as needed. He said that KPMPD may wish to form an associated 501C3 entity to encourage additional donation to benefit the park district. He spoke about the science of fund raising; your fund raiser identifies the interests of the potential donor and then targets that interest. He recommended that KPMPD accept the Purdy Sandspit, but put conditions on acceptance such as maintenance funding and perhaps the construction of a viewing platform on the site of the Old Wauna Post Office; his firm has handled similar situations for other municipal clients. Karl Anderson (of the Peninsula Gateway) asked if the park district could sell assets that are gifted to KPMPD; the answer was “yes” if the donation is given unconditionally.

The public meeting was called to order at 7:55PM in the Key Peninsula Sport Center and Fairgrounds (Volunteer Park) Annex by Paula DeMoss, President KPMPD.

Commissioners Present: Paula DeMoss, Kip Clinton, Ross Bischoff, Jerry Schick; also present for KPMPD was Scott Gallacher, Executive Park Director. Caril Ridley is excused from December meetings for business reasons.

Citizens Present: Karl Anderson was present for the study session but left before the regular meeting began.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved 4/0.

Special Presentations by Committees or Citizens: New Business

There were no topics under this heading.

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1. Land Acquisition Committee: In reference to Ed Taylor's questions from an earlier meeting, Scott queried DNR about why they do not refer to the 360 as a “park” and their definition of “recreation” (the DNR 360 can be used for **open space, wildlife habitat and recreation**). The answer is that under state definitions, the word “park” refers specifically to state parks only and that DNR has no specific definition of “recreation”. This leaves KPMPD open to a huge variety of recreational uses on the DNR 360.

2. DNR 360: See above. Scott showed the Board the maps requested from and generated by Pierce County's cartographers. He is still working on the last 360 meeting's minutes. Kip mentioned that Rick Sorrels found some old maps that indicate the 360 is part of “school” lands; Rick was concerned that the land may belong to the local school district and not just be managed for the benefit of schools by DNR. Scott will look into it. The new maps will be used at the next 360 meeting.

3. Community Plan: Kip read the draft "Land Use Zoning" document about parks and the powers that it would grant KPMPD; the KP Community Plan Board intended to revisit this topic at its next meeting.

4. Citizen's Comments/Good of the Order: Jerry said that KP Community Services is concerned that KPMPD may compete for grant monies with it. The Seattle area will host the National Park and Recreation Association Annual meeting in October 2006.

Staff Report

1. New Staff Member: Bob seems to be fitting in OK; he finds things to do. He and Scott will be opening up the wall between Scott's office and the unused room just south of it.

2. Concession Stand: There is no starting date yet for Dana's Heating. The Health Department wants larger sinks installed or the existing sinks moved close together; the prep and other food/dish sink could drain into the "mop" sink.

4. Equipment: The Kubota is still in for repairs.

5. Turface Application: Scott has a quote from a company that re-grades and applies soil amendments to ballfields; it would cost \$6000 to have them re-grade Field 1 and install the Turface to all the infields. The bid would include grading the fields, take out the "lips" and apply the Turface. No action was taken by the Board. Kip asked whether KPMPD had received a bill from the Turface supply company; Scott said "no" but he would contact them.

6. Miscellaneous Topics: The restrooms are open depending upon the weather. (See attached report.)

Business Meeting

1. President's Report: Paula recommended that KPMPD have another retreat in January to address DNR 360 status and the 20 year plan idea. She also reminded the Board that the OWPO neighbors liked the idea of a viewing deck with historical/interpretive signage; KPMPD should discuss requesting the County replace the OWPO with a deck before they proceed with demolition of the building.

2. Minutes: The minutes of November 28, 2005 were approved 3/0/1 abstention.

3. Financial Report: The Voucher Transmittal Letters of November 29 and 30, 2005 were approved 4/0.

4. New Business/Roll of Commissioners vs. Staff: Scott said that he would like the Board to help in contacting other elected officials while he, as staff, should be the contact with other public body staff. He asked Ross to draft a letter for Pierce Co. Public Works Dept. about the Home Boat Launch and its condition.

5. Unfinished Business/2006 Budget: The 2006 Budget was approved 4/0; Scott will bring a resolution to that effect to the next meeting.

6. Unfinished Business/LL Fees: KPMPD discussed raising the base fee for all users because of the expenses involved in improving the facilities at VP. It was decided to raise the reserved game fee for LL by \$5.00 across the board to \$20.00 reserved game with LL repairing the fields themselves; should LL choose to NOT repair the fields, then the previous base fee of \$25.00/reserved game would be raised to \$30.00 for 2006.

7. Unfinished Business/Retaining Wall: This issue was put on hold until 2006.

8. Board Member Comments/Good of the Order: A number of meetings that might impact the park district are happening in December:

Dec. 13 at 7:00PM at KP Middle School; KP Land Use Meeting.

Dec. 19 at 7:00PM at Key Center Fire Station; third DNR 360 Committee meeting.

Dec. 26 at 6:30PM at VP; KPMPD meeting.

Jan. 9, 2006 at 6:30PM at VP; KPMPD meeting.

Jan. 18, 2006 at 7:00PM at Key Center Fire Station; fourth DNR 360 Committee meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: The public portion of the KPMPD meeting of Nov 28, 2005, was adjourned at 9:30PM. It was followed by a short Executive Session. The second December meeting will be on December 26, 2005, at 7:30PM; it will be preceded by a short study session at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kip Clinton, Clerk KPMPD.