

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District

TO: Tukwila Pool MPD Board President and Board Members

FROM: Lisa Marshall, TPMPD Attorney

DATE: January 15, 2013

SUBJECT: Method of Appointment of President and Clerk of the TPMPD Board

ISSUE

Whether the TPMPD Board should change the method of appointment of Board President and Board Clerk and if so, whether the Board should move to suspend the requirements of Resolution No. 1 Section 4 during 2013 in order to give the Board time to assess the manner in which appointment of officers shall occur?

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no known financial impact of this issue.

BACKGROUND

TPMPD Resolution No.1 Section 4 states as follows:

Section 4. Officers – Election. At the last public meeting of the Park District in every year, the City Council, in its ex-officio capacity as the Park District Board, shall appoint the incoming Council President as the President of the Board, and the subsequent incoming Council President as the Clerk of the Board by majority vote of the quorum of the Park District Board in attendance at the meeting.

Pursuant to the language above, the responsibilities of the City Council Presidency and the Board Presidency belong to one person for a calendar year. During the December 17, 2012 meeting, the Board stated it would consider a change to the manner in which the Board President and Clerk are appointed so that one individual does not serve as both Council President and Board President simultaneously.

On December 17th 2012, the Board passed a motion requesting that staff return to the January 22, 2013 meeting with a proposed amendment to Resolution No. 1 outlining a new process for the appointment of officers. At that meeting the Board also passed a motion authorizing Board President Seal to act as Board President until Resolution No. 1 is amended.

DISCUSSION

During the December 17th 2012 TPMPD meeting, many options for an alternative method of appointment of officers were articulated. However, the Board did not reach a consensus on one method. The options that were discussed were as follows:

- Switching the rotation of officers such that the existing Board President becomes the MPD Clerk (in the following year) and the subsequent incoming Council President becomes the MPD President;
- Rotating presidential duties quarterly;
- Delaying the decision of appointment of officers due to the possibility that change of governance may occur;
- Pursuing this issue further at the Board Retreat;
- Gathering public input to inform any decision regarding appointment of officers;
- Suspending the current selection process for a year and then re-evaluating the issue.

Given the many alternatives to the existing manner of appointment of officers and the possibility that the Board may wish to gather public input and discuss the issue further, staff requests that the Board move to suspend the requirements of Resolution 1 Section 4 for 2013 and allow Board President Seal to continue to serve as Board President for 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the following motion: Move to suspend the requirements of Resolution 1 Section 4 for 2013 and allow current Board President Seal to remain Board President during 2013.