

TUKWILA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

October 21, 2013 – 8:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Tukwila City Hall

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

De'Sean Quinn, Clerk of the Board, called the Regular Meeting of the Tukwila Metropolitan Park District (MPD) to order at 8:07 p.m.

TUKWILA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Present were Joe Duffie, Dennis Robertson, Allan Ekberg, Kathy Hougardy, De'Sean Quinn, Kate Kruller.

Board President Seal was not present.

CITY OF TUKWILA OFFICIALS

David Cline, City Administrator; Rick Still, Parks and Recreation Director; Amy Kindell, Aquatics Program Specialist; Malcolm Neely, Aquatics Program Coordinator; Peggy McCarthy, MPD Treasurer; Vicky Carlsen, Deputy Finance Director; Christy O'Flaherty, City Clerk.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Third Grade Voucher Program. Elizabeth "Tizzy" Bennett, Director of Guest Services and Community Benefit, Seattle Children's

Amy Kindell, Aquatics Program Specialist, explained that while the title of this agenda item reflects a presentation regarding the third grade voucher program, the subject of the presentation is regarding single gender swim services.

Elizabeth "Tizzy" Bennett, Director of Guest Services and Community Benefit, Seattle Children's, utilized a PowerPoint presentation titled "Transforming the Health of South Seattle and South King County: Community Transformation Grant (CTG). Increasing Access to Swimming and Water Recreation for All." The key highlights involved:

The Goal of Community Transformation Grant (CTG)

- Collaborative effort to change where we live, work and play so all King County residents can be physically active, have access to healthy foods and drinks and live in tobacco-free environments
- Focused on cities and communities in South Seattle and South King County
- City level focus: Increase opportunities for physical activity through active transportation and recreation

Why focus on policy, system, environmental change

- Policy, systems and environmental (PSE) changes have long-term and sustainable impacts
- Broader reach
- Work best together with strong programming and outreach
- By focusing on PSE changes instead of solely on programs, funds can have the widest reach and impact

Congratulations on smoke-free parks policy passed on July 15, 2013

- Tukwila joins 15 other park systems in King County in being smoke free

Single gender swims

- Help expand exercise and recreation opportunities for women and/or men who cannot swim in a co-ed environment because of cultural, religious or personal reasons.

- In sync with Tukwila Pool's vision to provide a sustainable and efficient pool that exceeds the community's needs.

Physical Activity

- The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day; swimming is one option
- The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends swimming lessons starting after age one
- Knowing how to swim creates opportunities for other water recreation (e.g. kayaking, rowing, and surfing) and jobs (e.g. lifeguard)

Safety

- Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 1 to 14 years, and the 5th leading cause for people of all ages
- Death rates for blacks are significantly higher than the overall death rate
- Racial/ethnic disparity in drowning death rates was greatest among children aged 5–14 years
- Taking formal swimming lessons is associated with an 88% reduction in drowning risk

Offering Single Gender Swims

ChangeLab Solutions works with neighborhoods, cities, and states to transform communities with laws and policies that create lasting change. They helped assess policies related to single gender swims.

- There are publicly available single gender swims in several communities locally and nationally including Seattle, New York City, Portland, San Diego and Columbia, MD.
- They did not find any lawsuits specific to single gender swim sessions.
- Without statutory or case law specific to single gender swims, the law and potential liability is still unclear.

Recommendations include:

- Schedule single gender sessions when the pool would otherwise be closed or is least utilized
- Offer sessions for both men and women regardless of religious, cultural or ethnic background
- Contact Attorney and Equity and Diversity Commission

Single Gender Swims in Seattle and King County

- There are 8 women swim programs in King County offered by YMCA, Seattle Parks, Evergreen Pool and Kent Meridian Pool
- There is strong community interest in having women swim programs at the Tukwila pool

Tukwila Pool

- This is a huge community asset – it's essential to have a public pool
- Be proud that you have a pool that is available to all – many communities are struggling to have one
- You have high quality, committed staff who work hard to provide options for everyone

The Board Members asked clarifying questions of Ms. Bennett and offered comments to include: Recognition that the pool is for the citizens; concern regarding the possibility of contributing to gender inequality; easy access to exercise for citizens is important; offering single gender swim provides an opportunity for citizens that can be discontinued if there is no participation; concern regarding parents of children not being able to attend swim lessons with their children due to single gender restrictions; acknowledgement that single gender conditions do not exist in other scenarios such as college and pro sports.

Jen Calleja, 8844 34th Avenue SW, Seattle, thanked Tukwila for meeting the needs of women from different cultures. She further commented that these needs were not even known about and now, through cultural outreach, are being recognized and served. This is a great program.

Kowsar Abshir, 3320 211th South, SeaTac, is in support of the single gender swim because in Somalia women and men are not allowed to swim together. She appreciates the support from the swimming teachers and the community.

Werda Osman, 3100 208th St., Apt I-104, SeaTac, feels this is a great way to get women active that are from different countries and the women she swims with look forward to the swim every Saturday. She hopes that this program will continue.

Aisha Dahir, 2844 South Othello St., Seattle, is a promoter with Global to Local and works with the Somali community. She thanked everyone for bringing back the women only swim and for having a women's only workout time. She also thanked the Board for meeting the needs of all the citizens.

Clerk of the Board Quinn thanked the speakers and reminded the audience to direct comments to the full Board and not any one member.

Jamila Farole, Tukwila, stated that Tukwila is the most diverse zip code in the United States, and she is grateful for the gender swims. She submitted a copy of the speech she had prepared to the Board.

Alma Villegas, 10627 53rd Avenue South, Seattle, just wanted to follow up on the previous speakers and she read a petition which had 155 signatures, mostly from Somali citizens. She outlined the terms in the petition to retain the women's only swims. This is about access and not segregation.

Virginia Herreis, 13543 37th Avenue South, is thankful for the continuing access for more and more diverse citizens in the city. She is very happy living here and thankful that her children are able to learn how to swim. She is happy to support this pool.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Christine Neuffer, 13813 37th Avenue South, wanted to speak on the STP (Sustain Tukwila Pool) and its mission to ensure that the public pool is sustained as a community resource. STP is in favor of appointing an executive director. Resolution No. 1 states "An executive director shall be appointed by the Park District Board to serve as an interface between the Board and the City of Tukwila administration." This has not been accomplished. STP urges the appointment of an executive director to fulfill this resolution.

Dave Puki, 3748 South 152nd Street, relayed a number of issues with the way the Board is administering the governance of the pool. TPAC (Tukwila Pool Advisory Committee) items were not placed on the agenda when requested, and reports from TPAC are not addressed by the Board President. There has been no competitive bidding for third party operators, and the Board President's interaction with the third party operator has caused trust issues. From his standpoint, delay tactics have been used and there is a lack of confidence in the Board President and not enough engagement by the majority of the Board members in the running of the MPD.

Jacqueline Carroll, 16241 49th Avenue South, stated that separate but equal is not a supportive concept, and the civil rights movement has fought to change that.

Vanessa Zaputil, 15171 52nd Avenue South, commented that it is nice to see Tukwila partnering with Seattle Children's on innovative opportunities to prevent drowning deaths. On a different note, communication between all parties involved in the pool needs to be improved and steps taken to ensure that all correspondence is shared. This is a best practice which needs to be followed to ensure all parties are sharing a common ground and aiming for the common goal.

Board Member Kruller thanked everyone for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes: 9/16/13

b. Approval of Vouchers:

September 23: #364435 in the amount of \$10,950.00

October 10: #130800 and #364454 in the amount of \$7,816.07

October 21: #130900 in the amount of \$11,959.85

MOVED BY DUFFIE, SECONDED BY KRULLER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. 2014 tax levy.

9:22 p.m. Clerk of the Board Quinn opened the Public Hearing and called for a staff report.

Vicky Carlsen, Deputy Finance Director, explained the public hearing is to consider a resolution increasing the tax levy by 1%. The Board will also be asked to pass a resolution setting the general tax levy amount for 2014.

Christy O'Flaherty, City Clerk, stated there were no written comments received prior to the public hearing.

Clerk of the Board Quinn called for public comments.

There were no public comments.

9:23 p.m. Clerk of the Board Quinn closed the Public Hearing.

b. 2014 budget.

9:23 p.m. Clerk of the Board Quinn opened the Public Hearing and called for a staff report.

Ms. Carlsen said the preliminary budget for 2014 is in the agenda packet and includes the items discussed at the budget workshop on September 10, 2013.

Christy O'Flaherty, City Clerk, acknowledged receipt of 1 written comment received in the City Clerk's Office on October 17, 2013. The following written comment was distributed to the MPD Board and referenced into the record:

-- A 2-page email, with 9 page attachment received from Sustain Tukwila Pool Committee, dated 10/15/13 regarding the proposed 2014 budget.

Clerk of the Board Quinn called for public comments.

Christine Neuffer, 13813 37th Avenue South, said the STP submitted documents to be included in the agenda, but it was not included. STP invites staff to explain the reasoning behind some budget items. In terms of the budget creation process, she asked why there is an MPD budget without evaluating expenditures. The long term marketing plan has not been distributed, and there is no involvement for the TPAC Marketing Committee. Ms. Neuffer read items listed from the document that the Board received to include issues associated with programs unaccounted for, scholarship need, Seattle Children's grant, life cycle replacement, CIP reserve, staff salaries, and lighting maintenance.

Vanessa Zaputil, 15171 52nd Avenue South, read the letter provided to the Board for the public hearing. She read items listed in the document to include issues with advertising, lawyer expense, expense training, audits, overtime, insurance costs, PERS, maintenance, and revenue. She requested that the Board provide documented responses to the concerns.

Dave Puki, 3748 South 152nd Street, continued with reading the budget items of concern which included the appointment of an executive director, life cycle replacement, round the clock staffing, part time staff wage increase, and the interlocal agreement.

H. Kim McCoy, 14202 56th Avenue South, addressed the advertising and marketing area of the budget. The pool consultants recommended a budget of \$30,000-\$90,000 on an annual basis; the current budget has reduced it to \$3,000. He recommends going with the minimum amount proposed by the consultants and then read from the consultant's report.

9:44 p.m. Clerk of the Board Quinn closed the Public Hearing.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. A discussion on the 2014 tax levy legislation.

Clerk of the Board Quinn asked commissioners to pose any questions they may have for Ms. Carlsen.

Board Member Robertson inquired about the accuracy of the report, and Ms. Carlsen responded that to the best of her knowledge it is accurate.

Board Member Ekberg relayed he had no issues with this tax levy.

Board Member Kruller inquired as to why the increase is required. Ms. Carlsen stated that the 1% is required per the RCW and is capped at 1%. If the resolution is not passed, then no tax increase can happen.

Dave Puki, 3748 South 152nd Street, stated that he felt that \$7,000 looked to be the right number for the budget amount.

b. Program and fees discussion.

Rick Still, Parks and Recreation Director, referenced the packet materials that the Board was given for the budget breakdowns. Staff is recommending no increase of fees; however, if the Board wants to have an increase effective January 1st, that would need to be determined tonight in order to get it into publication for January 2014. TPAC and STP recommended a 2% increase of revenue for program and rental fees. Staff recommends not increasing fees and reviewing the figures next year to see if that 1% increase is being met through growth.

Clerk of the Board Quinn asked Mr. Still if the proposed increase in the fees has to be made this evening to be effective January 1 and included in the brochures. Mr. Still answered in the affirmative.

Board Member Robertson suggested that because the Board only meets once a month, that the Board go through the budget policy issues and, if changes are made, the Board can vote on those. The Board can then deal with the actual budget issues, such as the fees increase, that might be impacted by the proposed policy changes. He suggested starting with the policy issues on page 31 (with the fee increase policy being considered last) and see what decisions can be made tonight to give direction to staff and have a budget prepared for next month's meeting.

Board Member Ekberg suggested that next year the Board start this process about the budget a month or two earlier in the year.

Board Member Robertson commented that a final vote will be at the next meeting, but agrees that this process should start earlier.

Mr. Still pointed out there was a reminder issued in May about the impending decision coming up in August regarding the possible fee increase.

It was determined that the Board would move to the next item on the agenda regarding the 2014 budget to discuss the policy issues as outlined in the agenda packet, starting with Policy Issue 2014-B – Should the MPD hire a contracted Executive Director?

c. A discussion on the 2014 budget (prior to adoption at the next MPD Board meeting).

Policy Issue 2014-B – Should the MPD hire a contracted Executive Director?

Board Member Ekberg reflected back to the MPD workshop. At that time there was consensus that the Board should seek an executive director. A job description was sent out, applicants responded and the

Board is sitting on those applications. He feels the pool would benefit by having someone between the Board and the operator. He recommends not using the term third party operator going forward. The operator runs the pool at the request of the Board. His proposal is that the Board move forward and hire a pool manager or aquatics manager or executive director. He is less concerned about the title and wants to fill the position.

Board Member Duffie feels the pool does not need an executive director, just someone to manage the pool.

Clerk of the Board Quinn said this is a very significant policy decision, and the Board President did not know the Board was going to make this decision tonight. He just wanted to put it out there as the Board continues through the process going forward.

Board Member Robertson agrees with Board Members Duffie and Ekberg and does not want to lose another month deciding this issue. He would like to hire a pool manager between the operator and the Board. He strongly proposes to re-task the original committee of Board Members Kruller, Ekberg and himself to come up with one or more names to consider before January 1, 2014. He suggests the committee use the job description in the consultant report.

Board Member Hougardy said the report the Board received from KJ Design recommended that the executive director option be studied further. There are rates to analyze and a marketing plan to oversee. The person that Board hires should be able to concentrate on budget issues, staffing, and interfacing with citizens, among other duties. She is willing to consider an executive director for those reasons.

Board Member Kruller said that at the retreat the Board discussed hiring an executive director and committed to it, but later decided the Board was not quite ready. However, the job announcement went out and responses were received with a couple of good candidates. She would be amenable to changing the title of the position. Citizens have given the Board marching orders to hire an executive director. She is in favor of getting this accomplished.

Clerk of the Board Quinn stated that as a commissioner, he is concerned about this process and how it has unfolded. He understands there are differences of opinion, but we need to give members a fair and honest opportunity to make a run at a difficult and hard vote. He thinks that the Board could wait a month as this is a serious matter. It is a decision that should be based on the report the Board received, on the budget and the commitments the Board talked about. Therefore, he will be voting no on changing the position title. He appreciates the passion to go forward because internally the timeline requires it and all those are valid reasons. He thinks Board Members who spoke gave legitimate reasons why they would be voting yes on this. His issue is with the process.

Board Member Ekberg stated the question before us is should the MPD hire an executive director? His answer as a Board member is yes. He supports moving forward with a pool manager or executive director.

Board Member Robertson pointed out that no matter what is decided, no one will be hired tonight.

MOVED BY ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY DUFFIE TO RE-TASK THE ORIGINAL COMMITTEE OF KRULLER, EKBERG, AND ROBERTSON TO RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH ONE OR MORE NAMES BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014 FOR THE POSITION AS DESCRIBED IN THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT, WITH A TITLE OF AQUATICS MANAGER.*

Board Member Hougardy commented that she understood this was a discussion item. The Board President had said this would not be a meeting where voting was needed. She is comfortable with the title executive director. This is supposed to be discussion only tonight.

Board Member Kruller concurs with Board Member Hougardy that this meeting is supposed to be discussion only. She feels executive director is appropriate and it is known what the Board Members' positions are in this matter.

***MOTION WITHDRAWN BY ROBERTSON, SECOND WITHDRAWN BY DUFFIE. MOTION FAILS.**

Clerk of the Board Quinn summarized that the Board is not voting on policy items throughout the rest of the meeting.

Clerk of the Board Quinn stated that the Board arrived at consensus to reconvene the subcommittee on hiring an executive director, seek a qualified candidate and retain the budgeted amount.

Policy Issue 2014-C – Should the Lifecycle Replacement Program be funded annually to establish a CIP reserve to fund and implement the program?

Board Member Ekberg said on page 64 of the consultant study, the recommendation is to fund a replacement equipment program for \$100,000. Right now he does not believe there is a lifecycle replacement program being funded. In the current budget it states a lifecycle replacement fund of zero dollars and a CIP reserve of \$30,000.

Clerk of the Board Quinn said perhaps staff could speak to this and asked Mr. Still if he had comments.

Mr. Still offered an explanation regarding the old 20-year plan. Looking at the bottom of page 36 and going out seven years, there is \$120,000 in the capital replacement program and the next year it is \$65,000. So the money was still allotted in the budget, but it was not setting money aside for that twenty year plan. He feels that reserves build up faster the old way; this way is a very conservative approach to make sure all the money is there that is needed.

Board Member Robertson agrees with Board Member Ekberg that the Board should do something and is in favor of \$50,000 a year, which can be adjusted next year if needed.

Board Member Kruller would like both scenarios written out so the Board can make a good decision with both the scenarios in front of the MPD. The consultant recommended the \$100,000, but she sees the valid point by the staff.

Board Consensus existed for both scenarios to be written out with \$100,000 and \$50,000 in consideration for the budget.

Board Member Ekberg would like some clarity on the terminology being used for this fund. He would like to have some written definitions.

Board Consensus existed that written definitions of the terminology of each item in the fund is needed.

Policy Issue 2014-D – Should there be full-time staff at the pool every hour the pool is open?

Board Member Robertson stated that in his experience this is what the manager is supposed to do. He does not feel it is appropriate for this Board to do staffing plans. It is appropriate for the Board to look at the staffing plan and understand it. He suggests giving direction to the operator to come up with the best staffing plan for the remainder of the year.

Board Member Kruller said she agreed that staffing duty should be given to the manager or executive director. Also, keeping budget in regard to the number of staff is a duty assigned to that position as well, with approval of the Board.

Board Member Hougardy stated that Board Member Robertson made the assumption of full time staff every hour.

Clerk of the Board Quinn said that this issue should wait until an executive director or aquatics manager is on staff.

Policy Issue 2014-E – Should there be an increase in the wage structure for part-time staff to support pool operations?

Board Member Robertson suggested a consensus for next month in the budget to raise the wages for part-time staff. He suggests Mr. Still provide proposals with his reasons for his recommendations.

Board Consensus existed for Mr. Still to recommend wage increases for part-time pool staff.

Policy Issue 2014-A – Should program and/or rental fees be increased? If so, which fees should be pursued resident and/or nonresident program or rental fees?

Mr. Still commented that as Board Member Ekberg said, the 2% fee increase amounts to only \$4,200. The point is whether people would be upset by that amount or is it better to keep them happy and keep them coming back. The staff's opinion is that the increase is not worth the bad feelings from the community that it could create.

Board Member Robertson agreed that \$4,200 is not a lot of money in the budget for what it may cost in time and hassle. He is also bothered by across-the-board increases as he would raise some areas and not others. There are some he would raise more than 2%. He is not ready to settle on an easy answer tonight.

Board Member Hougardy said that an executive director could do an analysis of rates and start a very organized preparation for the next four months and that a 2% increase across the Board may not be best.

Board Member Ekberg said he is not adverse to raising the additional \$4,200 if it is put into advertising and marketing, which was reduced by this budget.

Board Member Kruller said she has the YMCA's rates and they are based on monthly income. She feels this is an interesting formula. She'd be interested in bringing on the executive director or aquatics director and let them have a look at the formulas to see if this would be a better way to calculate rates.

Board Consensus existed to not raise rates per the staff recommendation.

Board Member Robertson said he has looked at the STP comments and he suggests that the marketing budget be increased to \$10,000 per year.

Board Member Duffie said there should be a consensus to continue the meeting past 11:00 p.m.

Board Consensus existed to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m.

Vanessa Zaputil, 15171 52nd Avenue South, said that last month TPAC came with a recommendation regarding programming and fees increase. TPAC feels the additional 2% increase is very wise. Having an additional 2% worked into the budget as an expectation is more significant. It provides a greater emphasis on the importance of revenue. There is no evidence that previous rate increases have affected participation.

Board Member Hougardy asked if TPAC was thinking just 2% across the Board. Ms. Zaputil responded that the recommendation was that the MPD direct the third party operator to provide a fee increase proposal that would generate 2% additional revenue in the programming and rental categories to help defray rising costs.

Dave Puki, 3748 South 152nd Street, said there is no evidence to support the theory that increasing the fees would reduce the patronage of the pool. The pool is quite a remarkable place since the remodel and is nicer than others nearby. Sometimes when you have a better product, you can command a bigger price.

Clerk of the Board Quinn called for a brief recess at 11:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:06 p.m.

MOVED BY QUINN, SECONDED BY KRULLER TO REMOVE REPORTS FROM THIS EVENING'S AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

MOVED BY EKBERG, SECONDED BY KRULLER TO REMOVE ITEM 6D - DISCUSSION ON TUKWILA POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PER RESOLUTION NO. 8 - FROM THIS EVENING'S AGENDA AND MOVE IT TO A FUTURE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Discussion ensued regarding the best method to respond to the documentation provided by the Sustain Tukwila Pool (STP) group referenced during the public hearing on the 2014 budget.

Board consensus existed for the Board President to form a Budget Committee to respond to the STP questions prior to the next MPD Board meeting.

Dave Puki, 3748 South 152nd Street, stated that the STP budget sheet that was handed out was meant to be a joint opportunity for both the Board and Parks and Recreation to become familiar with the budget process. He also commented on policy issues and the fee increase. The MPD is a policy only Board which means there are no employees; therefore, someone has to be hired to conduct operations. Reserves are being counted on to replace the pool, but those are always kept at a minimum. The current full time staff is underutilized to cover operations. The lifeguards are underpaid, which makes it hard to retain good people, but the pay rates need to be tied to some kind of performance basis.

d. Discussion on Tukwila Pool Advisory Committee (TPAC) roles and responsibilities per Resolution No. 8.

Removed from the agenda per motion above.

e. Discussion on Tukwila Pool Advisory Committee appointment process.

Vanessa Zaputil, 15171 52nd Avenue South, stated that she first saw the TPAC member appointment was in the agenda packet and was surprised that the agenda item regarding an MPD Citizen Advisory Committee was not brought up with that committee. This is an item TPAC would like an opportunity to discuss and formulate their own recommendation.

Board Member Ekberg said that TPAC has been in existence for a long period of time. There is a recommendation from the operator as to how to approach current vacancies. His suggestion would be that the Board reappoint the positions for another term and carry on. Replacing members at this point does not make sense.

Clerk of the Board Quinn said this item was put on the agenda because the current representatives are terming out. It was put in the agenda as discussion for the Board to understand the process for choosing the Pool Advisory Board Committee.

Board Member Robertson supported Board Member Ekberg's proposal that the Board reappoint the existing TPAC members assuming they wish to serve again.

MOVED BY EKBERG, SECONDED BY DUFFIE TO REAPPOINT EXISTING MEMBERS, IF THEY ARE WILLING, TO THE TUKWILA POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

Discussion ensued among the Board Members, with some confusion regarding whether the intent is to reappoint specific individuals to the respective terms at this time or to authorize a process that would allow existing committee members to be reappointed when their terms expire if they are willing. The point was made that the Planning Commissioners do have to reapply at the end of each of their terms.

***EKBERG WITHDREW THE MOTION. MOTION FAILS.**

Board Member Robertson requested that the Board ask staff to research the Planning Commission process for appointing and reappointing commissioners and draft up a process for TPAC based on that same model.

Board Member Ekberg expressed that when the change took place in appointing Planning Commission members, several of those commissioners were very upset with the new process.

Clerk of the Board Quinn qualified the two approaches being considered for the Pool Advisory Board Committee. The first one is to go through the process similar to the current one or automatic reappointments of current members. Clerk of the Board Quinn is comfortable with the automatic reappointments.

Board Member Robertson is not comfortable with the word "automatic."

Board Member Hougardy would like input from TPAC.

Dave Puki, 3748 South 152nd Street, clarified for the Board that this is a process for initial appointment, but Resolution No. 8 talks about the reappointment process. The memo before the Board seeks to change the process to include a high school student or "friends of Tukwila Pool" as candidates for appointment. This would involve changing Resolution No. 8.

Board Member Kruller stated she is comfortable with adding students to the advisory Board.

Board Member Ekberg would like TPAC to come back with a recommendation on seeking a student participant. Board Member Hougardy agrees, as did Board Member Robertson, but not a student who functions as a lifeguard or on the pool staff.

Board Member Duffie agrees it is a good idea and said he spoke with students, and they would like to see student representation that rotates.

f. Discussion on Tukwila Pool safety and hygiene.

Mr. Still stated that there was a list of items about safety and hygiene. The staff has responded to the operational items. Board Member Ekberg found the report beneficial and educational. On item A, are there signs in the locker room stating no children standing on benches? Mr. Still communicated that there may not be signs, but staff walk through the locker room all the time and are communicating that rule verbally.

Clerk of the Board Quinn stated that signage should be included. Board Member Robertson stated that safety is very important. He hopes that will be one of the duties when the aquatics manager is hired. Board Member Duffie brought up the pool cover and its size because it is very cumbersome and looks junky, and he would like to discuss it at a future meeting.

Board Consensus existed to discuss the pool cover at a future meeting.

Dave Puki, 3748 South 152nd Street, stated that the safety and hygiene discussion was a recommendation from TPAC. If TPAC made a recommendation, it would be that signage is mandatory. Serious injury could result from kids falling or jumping off benches.

Clerk of the Board Quinn talked about the request from TPAC for staff to look at the scholarship program and provide some analysis. He inquired whether the Board felt that is appropriate work for staff to do.

The Board agreed this was something the staff could accomplish.

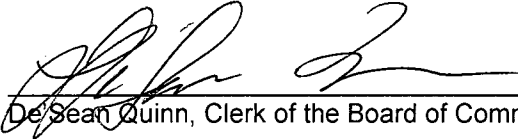
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Board Member Ekberg received a copy of the consultant's report and there are many recommendations and it is very well outlined. He would be willing to pull out the recommendations to ensure they can be reviewed.

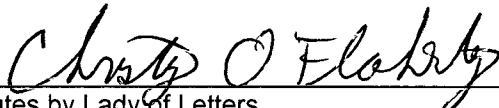
REPORTS – Removed by motion on page 9

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY HOUARDY, SECONDED BY DUFFIE THAT THE TUKWILA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 12:01 A.M. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.



DeSean Quinn, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners



Minutes by Lady of Letters
Reviewed/edited by Christy O'Flaherty, City Clerk