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Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 22, 2006

The public meeting was called to order at 7:41PM in the Key Peninsula Sport Center and Fairgrounds (Volunteer Park) Annex by Paula DeMoss, President KPMPD.

Commissioners Present: Paula DeMoss, Jerry Schick, Caril Ridley, Kip Clinton, Ross Bischoff; also present for KPMPD was Scott Gallacher, Executive Park Director.

Citizens Present: Ed Taylor, Marcia Harris (Peninsula School District), Chris Fitzgerald (KP News)..

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was amended under "Business Meeting: Unfinished Business" by adding the topic of the Centurytel telephone directory. The amended agenda was approved 5/0.

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- 1. Land Acquisition Committee:** Ed Taylor, as chairman of the LAC, told the Board to emphasize to the public that **NOW** is the time to start land banking (prices only go up and large vacant parcels are becoming more and more rare) and maintenance costs for undeveloped lands are minimal.
- 2. DNR 360:** 17 people attended the last meeting at which Scott presented the draft Master Plan for the facility. Consensus was to put 360 meetings on hold until KPMPD either acquires the property or has a more accurate date of land transfer. There was discussion about asking the Equestrian Advisory Committee (they intend to apply for 501c3 status under the name of the Greater Peninsulas Equestrian Sports Council) to research successful (money making) fairground and event center facility layouts and present KPMPD with some ideas. Ross Bischoff stated that the Renaissance Fair (Ron Cleveland) wants 20 acres for a facility with a permanent footprint; Ron Cleveland will be asked to present KPMPD with a business plan/design layout. Scott Gallacher was instructed to send a letter to the four potential user groups (KP Little League, Chuck West's Skatepark, Greater Peninsulas Equine Sports Council, Renaissance Fair) which expressed interest in using facilities proposed in the AHBL 360 Draft Master Plan to submit comments/design plans to KPMPD (see previous comments). Transfer of the DNR 360 to KPMPD has been delayed until late 2006 or 2007 because appraisals of ALL properties in the Land Transfer Program have been substantially higher than expected; the Board was encouraged to remember that the DNR 360 is not a lower priority on the list (#12 out of 25).
- 3. Community Plan:** Scott made a presentation about KPMPD and its vision to the KP Community Plan Board; they are working on the Parks and Recreation Element. Bruce Macdonald of the Greater Peninsula Conservancy explained the function of their organization. Ed Taylor again recommended that KPMPD land bank using the KP Community Plan. He told KPMPD to work to get language in the KP Community Plan to soften the permit requirements for development of "Regional Parks" because they are (generally) large enough that, using buffers, they will cause minimal impact upon adjacent landowners. He stressed that the KP Community Plan should have this language as policy. Commissioner Caril Ridley said that the KPCP will recommend moving Hwy 302 north and asked KPMPD to back language that the Purdy Sandspit road and bridge should be vacated and removed when this happens; she said that the Purdy

Sandspit should be designated as a potential "Regional Park". President Paula DeMoss said that the Purdy Sandspit is a sensitive issue and KPMPD should not address it at this time.

4. Citizen's Comments/Good of the Order: Ed Taylor suggested that the Board visit the Mason County Fairgrounds to review their layout. He also stressed that LAND BANKING has little or no maintenance costs and KPMPD MUST emphasize that fact to the public. KPMPD wishes to thank Fred Ramsdell for continuing to mow Home Park: **THANKS FRED!!**

Staff Report (See Attached Report)

1. Home Park: Fred Ramsdell mowed Home Park.

2. Volunteer Park: A new employee accidentally ran the Kubota utility vehicle into the wall of the maintenance shop near the garage door. Ed Robison, a certified structural engineer, volunteered advice and a drawing repair plans. The tennis court has a new net and is ready to use. The play chips are ready to be installed in the play area near the picnic shelter where the geo-dome will be placed.

3. KP Little League: They now have a "Big League" team.

4. KP Community Fair: Scott with Mary Graves of the KPCF to discuss the upper field tractor pull; Karl Anderson e-mailed that he would not be holding the jousting tournament this year so any ground condition conflict has been resolved.

5. Programs: 10 teams (5 co-ed and 5 mens) participated in the KPMPD tournament on May 13.

Business Meeting

1. President's Report: Paula DeMoss was contacted by the KP News regarding Resolution R2006-03, Commissioner Compensation. They asked why KPMPD addressed the issue of Commissioner Compensation when KPMPD has limited funding and will be acquiring lands. Paula said that even if Commissioners were to take the full amount of compensation provided by law, the public would still be getting a bargain. Caril Ridley said that whether a commissioner takes compensation is a personal matter. Jerry Schick stated that the way the resolution is written, it would be difficult for Commissioners to reach the maximum amount of compensation; he will estimate the amount of compensation which any commissioner could request should they attend each KPMPD public meeting. Paula will draft a press release.

2. Minutes: The minutes of May 8, 2006 were deferred to the first June meeting on June 12.

3. Financial Report: May Zoo/Trek sales tax deposits to KPMPD's County Budget and Finance fund were \$8974.31. April's balance was \$14,148.41. May expenses to date were \$11,914.82. The April Venture Bank depository fund balance was \$6077.27. Deposits to date into the Venture Bank depository account are \$1020.00.

4. Unfinished Business/Draft KPPRD Park System Plan: Grant Griffin of Pierce County Parks kindly asked their attorneys about the copy write on the KPPRD Draft Park System Plan. It was the attorney's opinion that the copy write precludes any usefulness of the plan because to apply for grants, text from the plan would need to be excerpted and included in any grant application; copy write precludes that use. The only way around it would be a general comprehensive release of the copy write. Jerry said a lot of revision would be required anyway to match IAC formats. There was discussion about gathering new information this summer and fall with surveys and public meetings, then writing our own plan. Caril will see what Dr. Simon Priest has to say about it.

5. Unfinished Business/Telephone Book Listing: Consensus was to list in the Centurytel telephone book white pages as Key Peninsula Metro Park, Volunteer Park 5514 KP Hwy, and list the website as well as attempt to get a listing in the government pages.

6. Board Member Comments/Good of the Order: None.

7. Executive Session: A 1 hour executive session to discuss land acquisition was held at 8:40PM; the regular meeting of KPMPD was reconvened at 9:40PM.

Meeting Adjourned: The the KPMPD meeting of May 22, 2006, was adjourned at 10:00PM. The first June meeting will be on Monday, June 12, at 7:30PM in the Annex building at Key Peninsula Sport Center and Fairground (Volunteer Park) and may be preceded by a 6:30PM study session; the second June meeting will be on June 26, 2006.

Respectfully submitted by Kip Clinton, Clerk KPMPD.