

**KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT  
d.b.a. KEY PENINSULA METRO PARKS**

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**Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 8, 2006**

**The public meeting of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was preceded by a 6:30PM study session.** The commissioners discussed summer sports programs, whether or not to hold a movie night, and the displays, layout and manning of the KPMPD Livable Community Fair booth on Saturday May 13, 2006 at the KP Civic Center.

**The public meeting was called to order at 7:30PM 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:** No citizens were present.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was amended under "Special Presentations by Committees or Citizens: New Business" by adding the Land Acquisition Committee and under "Business Meeting: Unfinished Business" the topic of the Centurytel telephone directory. The amended agenda was approved 5/0.

**Special Presentations by Committees or Citizens: New Business**

**1. Land Acquisition Committee:** Commissioner Kip Clinton suggested that the KPMPD Board of Commissioners instruct the LAC to pursue acquisition of the DNR Key Center 400+ acres and the Maple Hollow 50+/- acres. Consensus of the Board is that current publicly owned lands on the KP should remain public in one form or another; the Board recognizes that these DNR lands could be sold to a private party like the South Hill of Puyallup DNR property was this year (The News Tribune). To prevent this possibility, the KPMPD Board of Commissioners moved, seconded and passed 5/0 to instruct the Land Acquisition Committee to pursue KPMPD acquisition of the Key Center 400 and Maple Hollow in the next DNR Trust Land Transfer budget cycle (2007—2008). LAC Chairman Ed Taylor will be requested to inform KPMPD of the active members of the LAC. There was discussion about other publicly owned properties, such as the High Point Tax Title Property off Tiedeman Rd. KPS which is owned by Pierce County; an interlocal management agreement similar to Rocky Creek might keep it open space.

**Special Presentations by Committees or Citizens: Old Business**

**1. Land Acquisition Committee:** See "New Business". The Land Acquisition Committee has consisted of Ed Taylor, chairman, Ben Thompson, Fred Ramsdell, Ross Bischoff and Mike Salatino.

**2. DNR 360:** The next DNR 360 meeting will be on May 15, 2006, at 7:00PM at the Key Center Fire Station. AHBL will have a draft Master Plan in time for the KP Livable Community Fair on Saturday, May 13. AHBL has donated \$3500.00 in kind work toward the draft master plan; KPMPD will sign a "Scope of Work" agreement for \$4975.00 for additional very preliminary draft master plan work.

**3. Community Plan:** The KPCPB is discussing the Parks element. Grant Griffin of Pierce Co. Parks will be writing this element. Park Director Scott Gallacher is scheduled to give a presentation about KPMPD on May 17. Grant Griffin said that Pierce County only builds regional parks; regional parks are 40 acres or more, may or may not provide active recreation, are destination sites, have sufficient parking, running water and restroom facilities, and may

incorporate community and neighborhood facilities. All waterfront sites, no matter how small, are considered regional parks (street ends and boat launches included). He suggested that the KPCPB include in their maps not just park locations but site objectives; it makes it easier to create that park facility. The only Pierce County KP park facility is the Purdy Sandspit; future funding (which keeps getting put off) includes boat launch improvements and parking. Pierce County Parks will be updating their Park Plan in 2007/8 and want to include the community plans in it. They need to update every 6 to 10 years for IAC grant requirements. Conservation Futures property tax (6.5 cents per 1000) is only available to county governments and are used to purchase land, easements, trails, and development rights to preserve land for open space, wildlife, farm and timberlands, and preserve recreational opportunities (a very flexible standard). Conservation futures is applied to only willing sellers and buyers; the next conservation futures cycle will be in spring of 2007. Grant Griffin said that Pierce Co. Parks partners with school district to provide active recreational opportunities; the schools provide the land and Pierce County Parks provides the development money on a land to funds 1:1 match. He suggested that the KP Community Plan contain statements that obligate Pierce County Parks and KPMPD to work together to develop parks. He reminded all present that park development is subject to conditions (eg. Federal fund may require an archaeological survey, ADA requirements for a trail are a 3% grade and visual “cueing”) and all available funds may go to surveys/studies and not building. Jim Bosch of the fire department is concerned that KPMPD may not have enough money for facility development (the fire district is planning on asking for a levy in 2007); he has no problem with KPMPD land banking for future development. Caril Ridley emphasized that tax incentives be utilized to encourage land owners to allow trail easements and wildlife reserved areas. Citizens requested horse trails and facilities, playgrounds, piers and boat launches. Rick Sorrels suggested that trails began and end near bus stops so that tired walkers could catch a ride back to their start point.

**4. Citizen’s Comments/Good of the Order:** No citizen comments.

**Staff Report (See Attached Report)**

**1. Home Park:** AHBL is working on a landscape plan to comply with Pierce Co. Planning and Land Services requirements. They are donating \$1500.00 of in kind work; Scott was instructed to get an estimate of the total.

**2. Volunteer Park:** The Lions Club request permission to start the second phase of the Field 2 retaining wall project mid May. The Commissioners were concerned about the cost of purchasing additional blocks, renting or hiring an exactor, and the problem of excavation and construction around Field 2’s backstop during Little League’s season. Consensus was to request the Lions Club to build the retaining wall after LL’s baseball season ends. The concession building earned an estimated \$4600 gross in April.

**3. KP Little League:** Scott gave the commissioners an estimate of LL bill to date; it is \$1770.00. Because LL reimburses KPMPD for the light use on Field 1 and KPMPD is running a 1 day tournament, Scott will note the light meter reading before and after the tournament.

**4. KP Community Fair:** Scott will be meeting with Mary Grieves on Thursday regarding their tractor pull proposal.

**5. Programs:** The Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run event was on Sunday April 30, 2006. There were 43 participants. KPMPD will be having a co-ed softball tournament on May 13—14; 9 teams have expressed interest.

**Business Meeting**

**1. President’s Report:** No report.

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of April 24, 2006, were approved 4/0/1abstention.

**3. Financial Report:** The voucher transmittal letters of April 17 and May 2, 2006 were approved 5/0. Kip will e-mail the County Budget fund balance to everyone; it is positive but the “check book” was left at her office. Scott deposited the May concession rent payment in the Venture Bank depository account.

**4. Unfinished Business/Commissioner Compensation:** Commissioner Jerry Schick presented Resolution R 2006-03 addressing the topic of Commissioner Compensation based upon RCW 35.61.150. Commissioner Paula DeMoss said that she would not object to compensation for pre-approved out-of-district events, but commissioners should not expect compensation for regular board meetings. Commissioner Ross Bischoff agreed with Commissioner DeMoss.

Commissioner Schick also provided Compensation and Disclosure forms based upon the RCW that relieve the park district of the burden of tracking compensable events and places it upon each individual commissioner. The RCW states that commissioners can be compensated up to \$70.00 per day with an annual limit of \$6,720.00 per year. Commissioner Kip Clinton stated that KPMPD has a very limited budget (\$120,000 to \$140,000 annual income) and that KPMPD’s monthly expenditures are approximately equal to income at this time; it should be noted that some of these expenditures are one time expenses for capital improvements, facility repairs, or equipment purchases. She reminded the Commissioners that should one or all ask for compensation that would “bust the budget”. There was further discussion about personal choice and the budget; Pen Met Park District’s commissioners (Gig Harbor Peninsula) take full compensation however their budget is four times greater than KPMPD. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution R 2006-03; Resolution R 2006-03 passed 4/0/1 abstention.

**5. Unfinished Business/Draft KPPRD Park System Plan:** Commissioner Caril Ridley had received an e-mail from Dr. Simon Priest, PhD, which stated that he had no objection to KPMPD using the old park districts draft plan as long as the title page remained unchanged; deletions, editing and additions were OK. She said that Dr. Priest was concerned about the work being plagiarized without his getting credit as the author. Consensus was that Dr. Priest’s terms, as reported by Commissioner Ridley, were acceptable. The Board still has some concerns regarding the copy write issue.

**6. New Business/Small Works Roster:** Resolution R 2006-02 adopts the existing small works and professional services roster of Pierce County, Tacoma Metro Parks and the Peninsula School District as the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District small works and professional services roster. It was moved, seconded and passed 5/0 to adopt Resolution R 2006-02.

**7. New Business/Telephone Book Listing:** Commissioner Clinton stated that the Centurytel is compiling the 2007 telephone book and KPMPD’s listings are difficult to for potential user groups to locate. Commissioner Schick and Park Director Gallacher will try to update KPMPD’s telephone book listings (government pages, white pages as “Key Peninsula Park District” and “Volunteer Park, Key Peninsula”, yellow pages and include the web site).

**8. Board Member Comments/Good of the Order:** Bob Jewitt removed the dying fir tree next to the asphalt walkway to the concession building. Thanks Bob!!!

**Meeting Adjourned:** The the KPMPD meeting of May 8, 2006, was adjourned at 9:15PM. The second May meeting will be on Monday, May 22, 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 first June meeting will be on Monday June 12, 2006 at 7:30PM and the second June meeting will be on June 26, 2006.

Respectfully submitted by Kip Clinton, Clerk KPMPD.

