

Multi-County Parks Director Call (Statewide Participants)

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Monday, March 30, 2020 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Notes by: Bob Leonard, City of Everett Parks & Community Services

Future Capital Projects

What are agencies doing for projects that are ready and scheduled for this year, but have not yet been awarded? Still planning to award this year, or planning to wait until next year?

- Pierce County discussed getting ready to release some capital projects in May.
- City of Everett asked if anyone was adding any Covid related language in to their bid specifications.
- City of Sammamish has a couple of projects. They are not able to take them to Council at this time due to OPMA guidance on public meetings. They are wondering if they might get better bids in the future when they can go out to bid.
- Metro Parks Tacoma has 50+ projects in the works. They are evaluating which ones to proceed with. They are looking at projects that may take little to no work on their part.
- Seattle Parks is making determinations by looking at what role completed Park projects will play after the pandemic.
- King County Parks is looking to have their future projects be part of the economic engine of recovery. They are looking for shovel ready projects in anticipation of possible future federal stimulus resources that may become available.
- Spokane is also looking for shovel ready projects.

Staffing Guidance

With new state and federal legislation approved have agency's made changes to how they are compensating employees with modified work schedules?

- King County discussed pondering how long the Stay at HHome order will last and what the effect will be on earned revenue.
- Seattle talked about 30, 60, and 90 day scenario planning. They talked about the City having a big budget shortfall. They needing to make decisions about the rest of the year and have go/no go points around future programming in order to save money. Golf is a big portion of the Parks departments estimated shortfall. They are also making decisions around what their community will need most coming out of this crisis and how best to utilize the limited revenues. They are utilizing FEMA guideline Tier 1 and Tier2 guidelines for continuity of operations.
- Kirkland is doing similar planning. They are looking at different scenarios and service levels. They are taking a 0 based budgeting approach and placing items in to higher or lower categories. There is decrease in sales tax from auto sales.
- In Redmond, with a moving target they are looking at different options for cutting costs in 2020 and in their 2021-22 budget process.

- Pierce County is looking at potentially opening parks first, then facilities for small groups. Then when they can opening to larger groups.
- Sunny Side talked about opening up to digital and/or virtual programming and inquired if anyone else had any information they were willing to share.
- MPT shared their Concept of Operations and Pay/ leave assumptions. They discussed issues around use of the new emergency protected leave while intermittent work was being performed. They also talked about essential verse non-essential functions.

Misc topics

- Monroe asked about mowing parks as it relates to the Governor's new guidance on landscaping work and public perception.
- Lakewood shared that the Governornor was providing guidance not a directive and that individual municipalities need to do what is best for their community.
- Burien inquired whether other municipalities have been asked by Public health and Human services to supply portable restrooms and hand washing stations. They have been asked to have them available in some parks and other sites around the city.
- Everett asked about the status of State Parks.
- Snohomish County verified that State Parks are officially closed.

12:14:18 From Mary Dodsworth : Lakewood is moving forward with projects looking at several bid openings the week of may 4th Also looking at shovel ready projects for recovery funds

12:22:10 From AIV-Spokane : Spokane has also recently updated our Shovel-Ready Capital Project list in anticipation of potential stimulus funding coming our way.

12:32:01 From Angie Feser to Peter Mayer(Privately) : Quit touching your face! Ha!

12:39:47 From david w - Bonney Lake : Pete - Can you please share, so we can share with our HR departments.
Many Thanks

12:39:49 From Scott Gallacher to Peter Mayer(Privately) : Pete-- Will you share this leave item. thanks

12:45:22 From LCumming to Peter Mayer(Privately) : MPT could start charging the rest of us for consultation services - a new revenue source. Who needs Summit Law when we have Pete Mayer inc

12:47:08 From Sarah : Pete - thank you for sharing all your work with us!

12:51:00 From Shannon Burley to Peter Mayer(Privately) : Thanks so much for sharing your documents. We in the smaller cities REALLY appreciate your leadership and support.

12:53:20 From david w - Bonney Lake : Bonney Lake has not opened their restrooms since the fall closure. We continue to have the portables maintained at the regular schedule as during the winter.

12:59:31 From rmiles2 : We are extending the restrictions put in place last week through May 4.

13:00:30 From Angie Feser : Thanks much, Travis and Pete. Keep up the good work everyone!

13:00:30 From amyler : Thanks Everyone!