

**Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Special Meeting
June 3, 2014**

A special meeting of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission convened on June 3, 2014 in Room 4080 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue. Commission Chair Bill Sherman called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Vice-Chair Rich Cohan, and Commissioners Brad Axel, Bruce Carter and David Mendoza were in attendance. Commissioner Yamaguchi was absent. Executive Director Wayne Barnett and staff members Anthony Adams, Kate Flack and Polly Grow were present.

Action Item

1) Appeal of City Attorney's Explanatory Statement for Metropolitan Park District

Commission Carter disclosed that he had offered public comment at the Seattle City Council when they were discussing a ballot measure to fund Parks. He offered to recuse himself if either of the parties wanted him to do so. Neither the City Attorney's office nor the appellants objected to Commissioner Carter participating in the Commission's decision.

The Chair noted that the Commission was acting in its quasi-judicial capacity on this appeal, which meant that the Commission had the option of deliberating in open or closed session. All decisions, however, would be made in open session.

Toby Thaler and Chris Leman spoke for the appellants. Greg Narver spoke for the Seattle City Attorney's office. The Chair allotted each side seven minutes, and said the Commission had read the briefs submitted by the parties.

Following the remarks offered by Messrs. Leman, Thaler and Narver, and their answers to questions posed by the Commission, Commission Carter made a motion to go into executive

session, which Commission Axel seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the Commission retired to deliberate in executive session.

At the close of the Executive session, the Commission returned. They distributed to the parties a draft statement. The parties commented on the Commission's draft, and asked questions.

Commissioner Mendoza moved to adopt the Explanatory Statement as amended by the Commission, and Vice-Chair Cohan seconded. The motion to adopt the amended Explanatory Statement for the Metropolitan Parks District ballot proposition was unanimously approved.

The Special Commission meeting for June 3, 2014 adjourned at 6:00 p.m.