



**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Oak Park Conservatory
615 Garfield, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7:30pm**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Aeschleman, Guarino, Lentz, Wick and President Bullock.

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Mike Grandy, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Revenue Services; Diane Stanke, Director of Marketing and Customer Service; Poppy Vogel, Cheney Mansion Supervisor; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters; Executive Director Beth Cheng and President Ellen Kuner, FOPCON; and residents.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda. **The motion was passed by a voice vote.**

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Guarino and seconded by Commissioner Wick to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash Status Report and Warrants and Bills for the month of December, 2014; Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes December 4, 2014, and Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2014. **The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 5:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, updated the Board on: the 218 Madison Street construction, she informed the Board that the GRC has passed \$1M in revenue mark in 2014, the local vendor expo, the upcoming IPRA/IAPD Conference, Stevenson project, ice rinks and the upcoming scheduled candidate briefing.

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that FOPCON were here to present the Park District with a \$100,000 check to be used towards the East Garden project. Executive Director Beth Cheng and President Ellen Kuner stated they were happy to be a part of the project and everyone is excited for the new discovery garden. The Board thanked them for all of their efforts and great work.

B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information): Poppy Vogel, Cheney Mansion Supervisor, presented current updates to the Board on staff and ongoing projects and achievements.

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report – The Board had no questions regarding the report provided.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee – None

B. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

1. Professional Fees WMA Consulting – Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center*

Commissioner Aeschleman moved and Commissioner Wick seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to engage WMA Consulting Engineers Ltd., Chicago, Illinois, for a total cost of \$54,000 to provide LEED certification and system commissioning for the Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of past discussions, and the bid specifications included a variety of sustainable features, reminded the Board of the \$400,000 OSLAD grant received for the project as well as the DECO and Illinois Clean Energy Community Fund for the LEED Platinum building. Staff were requesting WMA Consulting Engineers, LTD., Chicago, IL, be engaged for \$54,000 to provide LEED certification and the commissioning of the AGEEC. The Board had no further questions. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

2. Professional Fees Altamanu, Inc. – Barrie Park Master Plan*

Commissioner Aeschleman moved and Commissioner Guarino seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve hiring Altamanu LLC for professional services in the amount of \$34,936.80 to create a master plan for Barrie Park and Center. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that Barrie Park would be the last master plan to be completed. In November, eight proposals were submitted and the Barrie Park Master Plan Committee interviewed four firms. Altamanu, Inc. was chosen and is being brought to the Board to create the master plan for Barrie Park for a base cost of \$34,936.80 for the defined scope of work. The Board had no further questions. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

3. Professional Fees Altamanu, Inc. – Stevenson Park/Julian Middle School Project*

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that Stevenson Park is still under discussion with the VOP. D97 brought the IGA for a partnership on the Julian sports field to their Board this week and is awaiting information on the possibility of installing geothermal under the Julian sports field along with costs of synthetic turf installation at Brooks Middle School. The Board was reminded of the numbers of participants in the affiliate groups that would use Julien and that they were supportive of the size. Nike Grind and a sand mixture is being looked at for infill. Within research on the product, users reported good maintenance and playability and it is marketed to be more environmentally friendly. The Board questioned the size again and was assured that AYSO's U10 could play on it and is their largest group of participants. U10 is also the group that goes outside of Oak Park the most for fields and Chicago Edge can play U12 games on the size proposed. The IGA is similar to the Irving School IGA. The Board also questioned the length of the delay while D97 looks into their questions and were informed they were willing to have the work done in the fall. The Board agreed that an "out" needed to be put into the IGA for both sides should information come forward that would deem Julian not to be the best location. **The meeting will be continued to February 5, 2015, prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting for further discussion and a motion by the Board.**

C. Administration and Finance Committee - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. IDOT -290 Expansion** – Mark Burkland, Park District attorney, gave a brief synopsis of the expansion and the Park District properties that could be affected. He also informed the Board of the upcoming IDOT/290 Expansion Meeting taking place at the VOP on January 26, where a brief statement from local businesses and governmental entities directly affected by the expansion will be given. IDOT and CTA will be in attendance at the Park District's February 5, 2015,

Committee of the Whole Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding concerns and opportunities. Commissioner Guarino and Mike Grandy will attend at represent the Park District at the VOP meeting.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

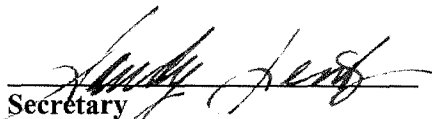
- **Commissioner Aeschleman** – None.
- **Commissioner Guarino** – Commissioner Guarino left meeting at 8:25.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Informed the Board that Festival Theatre will be hosting two free days prior to each of their plays this summer for the community. They are excited to reach more community members and make them aware of their productions. They will also be hosting an educational project, Viola Project, for young girls to learn the theatre and then to interact with the actors.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Wanted to thank the staff that cleaned up the burst sprinkler water at the GRC on Saturday. When he arrived in the early afternoon there was no trace of the water.
- **Commissioner Bullock** – None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. CONTINUE MEETING TO FEBRUARY 5, 2015, PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

At 8:34pm, Commissioner Aeschleman moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded the Regular Board Meeting be continued to the February 5, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting, taking place at the Oak Park Conservatory. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

February 19, 2015

Date



President
Board of Park Commissioners

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