



**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, October 5, 2017**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, Porreca, Wick and Commissioner Aeschleman.

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent Recreation; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Gordon Hellwig and Diana Rosenbrock, Collaboration for Early Childhood Care & Education.

II. Public Comment - None

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. Collaboration for Early Childhood Care & Education Agreement

Gordon Hellwig and Diana Rosenbrock spoke to the Board regarding highlights from the past year including: a new parenting resource program, early detection screening, and the building of a unified early childhood database. The Board thanked them for their partnership and discussed funding and our contribution in the agreement which shows an increase of \$500 annually. **This item will be brought to the Board for approval on the regular agenda during the October Regular Board Meeting.**

IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

A. Conservatory Master Plan

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the Conservatory Master Plan which has been mostly completed. The Master Plan meeting took place at the Conservatory on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Approximately a dozen people attended including staff. Discussion of the alley and the south eastern side of the property took place. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

B. Euclid Square Park Master Plan Review

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that the Euclid Square Master Plan Review Meeting is scheduled on November 15, at the Oak Park Conservatory. The Master Plan has been completed but per Park District policy each plan is visited every ten years to visit and discuss what might be needed. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

C. Community Recreation Center

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that the PDOP continues to meet regarding finances, commonalities, locations, and are awaiting the completion of the River Forest survey. The next meeting is scheduled for October 18. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Pleasant Home 2nd and 3rd Floor Recommendation

The Board was reminded of past conversations at Board Meetings regarding these spaces and that since then, the Park District had been unable to come up with viable options for programming due to the limitations of the space. Therefore, the Pleasant Home Foundation (PHF) was looking for Board approval for their requests including: touring, exhibit space, storage space, conversion of a bridal suite/dressing room, community rental space, moving of the office to the pink room, as well as the relocating the museum shop to the 1.5 floor. Along with those requests, PHF is also requesting funds for locks, painting, floors, and a humidity device for the stored furniture. It was suggested the Board not approve the humidity device and that their Foundation fundraise for it. The Board discussed the space and their requests. If approved, these requests would be in an addendum to the current agreement. **This item will be brought to the Board for approval at a future Regular Board Meeting.**

B. IAPD Legal Symposium Update

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board the IAPD Legal Symposium is scheduled for November 9, and Commissioners Lentz and Wick will be attending with a few key staff. Information will be brought back and shared with Board and staff afterwards. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

C. Community Service Award Nominations Update

The Board discussed possible nominations for the upcoming Community Service Awards and they confirmed who would be invited for the February 15, 2018, Community Service Awards presentation. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

D. Best of Best Awards Update

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board of the upcoming awards ceremony on November 13, where the Park District will receive a Best of the Best Awards for green practices. Commissioners Lentz and Porreca will attend along with herself and Chris Lindgren. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

E. Austin Gardens Update

The Board was reminded that on Monday, October 2, the VOP approved the revised design for the Albion building which had decreased the shade impact on the park. Discussion took place on a letter to the editor from the Park District. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business - None

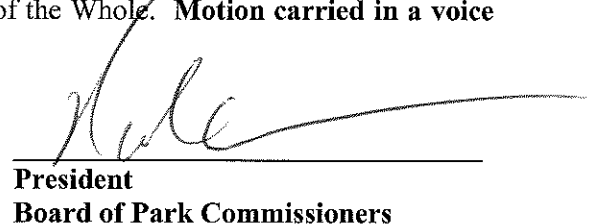
VII. Closed Session – None

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:46p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**


Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

November 30, 2017
Date


President
Board of Park Commissioners

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