



**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, April 4, 2019**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm.

I. Roll Call

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

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Susan Crane, Manager of Cheney Mansion Operations and Events; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Chris Wollmuth; Jake Worley-Hood; and Igor Studenkov, Wednesday Journal Reporter.

II. Public Comment – None

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

A. Authorization of Fireworks

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that this annual event is a great partnership. As in previous years, Community Bank have requested sponsorship from the Park District for the fireworks show in the amount of \$1,000. The Park District will assist with the coordination of the fireworks, some crowd control, and clean-up at our facilities and at OPRFHS. The Board discussed the continuation of this event in the future and the areas of cleanup. **This will come before the Board at the April Regular Board Meeting on the consent agenda.**

IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

A. Cheney Mansion Annual Report

Susan Crane, Cheney Mansion Manager, presented the annual Cheney Mansion report for 2018 including: highlights of the year, the breakdown of the different rentals, improvements to the mansion, the community garden, revenue comparisons along with expense comparisons, programs and classes, PDOP usage, marketing with their website, collaborations, and what's ahead for 2019. The Board discussed the success of the mansion and some suggested programs. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Park District Citizen Committee Application – Frank Patterson

The Board was informed of Frank Patterson's application for the PDCC. Frank's son has been an active user with WSSRA for many years. Frank's perspective will be a great additional to the PDCC. **This will come before the Board on the consent agenda at the April Regular Board Meeting.**

B. Senior Citizens Center OPRF Agreement Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the discussions that have taken place regarding the agreement. Maureen McCarthy and she had met with four representatives from the group at the Arms to discuss the merger. They will remain a 501C and will help with grants and funding. Space at Dole was discussed; during the construction at Dole, programs will continue to run at the

Arms and, once construction is completed, begin at Dole in the fall. Discussions are taking place with the Township regarding transportation to Dole. The Board questioned how many members are currently registered. **This will come before the Board at the April Regular Board Meeting under the consent agenda.**

C. Park District of Oak Park 107th Birthday Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that April 2nd was the 107th birthday of the Park District. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business

A. Greening Advisory Committee Applications – Andrea Green and Alice Tulley

Both submitted application to join the Greening Advisory Committee. Both attended a meeting earlier this year and have expressed a desire to join the committee. Both live in Oak Park and are involved in the Park District. Alice is currently a docent at the Conservatory and Andrea is on FOPCON and both bring experience that will be a value to the Green Advisory Committee. **This will come before the Board on the consent agenda at the April Regular Board Meeting.**


VII. Closed Session

At 8:25pm Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners convene into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4:0.**

At 8:40pm a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Porreca to adjourn the Executive Session. **The motion passed a voice vote of 4:0.**

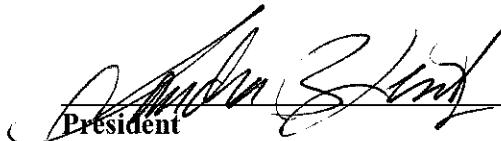
VIII. Adjournment

At 8:40pm a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

May 16, 2019
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