



MEETING MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Thursday, December 15, 2016

7:00pm

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Room 2402

Members Present: B Logan, H. Garcia, D. Stein, J. Brown, E. DeStefano, R. Mayne

Members Absent: D. Barreto, D. Campbell, J. Bryan

Staff Present: B. Dorneker

Others Present: L. Dawashek

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

With a quorum present, J. Brown called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CIP MONTHLY REPORT

The Board received a written report of park and park facility capital improvement projects from L. Biggs of the Public Works Department.

PARK SCORECARD UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

On November 28 the City Council accepted the Public Open Space Scorecard report and placed on it on file. Staff was directed to work with the Board to put together a plan prioritizing various improvements of parks and park facilities and report back to City Council within the next 6 months to a year.

HARLEY CLARKE PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

On December 13 the Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens group gave a presentation on how Harley Clarke can be transformed into a fully renovated, multi-purpose venue. The presentation included an overview of the existing space / layout, proposed renovations, programming concepts, local examples of places that have restored historic buildings into great community assets, and case studies on how this was done in other states.

They estimate a full restoration to make the property the type of space they envision, would be approximately \$4.5 million dollars. They also shared an operating budget that showed the property being self-sustained by year 3, with stewardship endowment funds in year 1 and 2. The next meeting scheduled for 6pm on January 19 where Barbara Janes will give a presentation.

ROBERT CROWN CENTER UPDATE

On December 12, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Woodhouse Tinucci Architects, LLC, for architectural/engineering services for the Robert Crown Community Center, Ice Complex and Library. The Board received a dashboard with the most recent funding status.

ATHLETIC FIELD CONDITIONS

D. Stein said there is still a struggle with the coordination of athletic field maintenance between the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCS) and the Public Works Agency, with Public Works being understaffed and overworked. He would like to see the two departments come together with Dist 65 and Dist 202 to form an intergovernmental working group to discuss field maintenance of all fields.

Action: The motion to have the PRCS Director reach out to the Public Works Agency Director to begin discussion on forming an intergovernmental working group to discuss field maintenance of all Evanston fields was approved.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD AND CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PLACE NAMES MERGE

The Board was reminded of Ordinance 81-O-16 which merged the functions of the Park and Recreation Board and the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Public Place Names into the newly established Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board.

Effective January 1, 2017, in addition to the Board's existing responsibilities, they will also serve as a forum for taking into consideration the needs of the community and the historical background involved in naming public places. The power to actually name public places rests with the City Council, with the Board making recommendations in its advisory capacity. The Board will also administer the Honorary Street Name Sign program which was established to allow citizens the opportunity to honor people who have made significant contributions to the City.

Staff will work on drafting a process for naming public places.

2017 PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING DATES

Action: The motion to accept the 2017 schedule of Board meeting was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:35PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on Jan 19, 2017 at the Civic Center.