



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Thursday, January 18, 2018

7:00pm

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.

Members Present: J. Bryan, H. Garcia, E. DeStefano, D. Campbell  
D. Michelin, D. Stein, R. Mayne

Members Absent: D. Barreto, J. Brown

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, B. Dorneker

Others Present: F. Myer, S. Cantor

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#### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

With a quorum present, E. DeStefano called the meeting to order.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOV 16, 2017**

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

S. Cantor of Age Friendly Evanston Task Force gave background on the task force and the different projects/programs they've been involved with. Current goals they'd like to achieve: getting the trees in the Ladd Arboretum relabeled; updating the list of public art in Evanston; and updating the park descriptions online to include a list features/amenities in each park. D. Stein suggested that staff could develop a curriculum for the Ecology Summer Camp to label the trees.

#### **REQUEST FOR WILLIAM N. ERICKSON FUNDS**

The Board received a request from the Evanston Baseball / Softball Association for \$900 from the William N. Erickson Fund to sponsor two teams in the 2018 season. The motion to approve the request for \$900 was approved.

#### **HARLEY CLARKE UPDATE**

City Council directed staff to move forward with lease negotiations with Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens, which will be presented at the Feb 26, 2018 council meeting for consideration. Staff will meet with Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens to make sure they don't offer any competing programs.

## **ROBERT CROWN UPDATE**

D. Stein reported that the Friends of the Robert Crown Center secured a \$500,000 capital commitment from Beacon Academy in support of the new Robert Crown Community Center, Ice Complex, Turf Fields, and Library. He added, this deal would not have happened if it weren't for L. Hemingway. The City received 9 proposals in response to the RFP for Construction Management Services. The final selection will be presented at the Feb 26, 2018 Council meeting. The Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Robert Crown Center will also be presented on Feb 26.

## **CIP MONTHLY REPORT**

B. Dorneker gave a brief overview of the monthly written report.

## **STAFF UPDATES**

**IAPD/IPRA** -. The Illinois Association of Park Districts is having their annual conference this weekend and each year local communities can nominate individuals for a community service award. This year L. Hemingway will present community services awards to Daniel Stein, Dr. Raj Ghate and Peter Giangreco in recognition and appreciation of outstanding contributions and unselfish devotion of the advancement of parks and recreation and leisure in the community and the State of Illinois.

**Property at 2525 Church St (former Shore School)** -. City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a 50-year lease agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the real property located at 2525 Church Street (former Shore School). The City will pay \$10.00 rent per year. The City Council approved funding of \$400,000 for this project in the 2018 Capital Improvement Program. Staff will seek grants, future CIP funding and other funding sources to assist with the costs related to restoring the property to greenspace and adding recreational amenities over the course of time.

**New Afterschool Program at Kamen Park** -. In a partnership with the Ridgeville Park District, the City is opening a new after-school site for students of Chute Middle School. The after-school program will be held at Ridgeville's Kamen Park Fieldhouse. Students will have opportunities to do homework, socialize with friends and play games. Free Wi-Fi access will also be available. Staff from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will be the on-site supervisors. Parents of students interested in having their child at the site will need to attend an introductory meeting on February 25 at Chute School.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 7:37PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on Feb 15, 2018 at the Chandler-Newberger Center 1028 Central St.