



## MEETING MINUTES

### **PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**

Thursday, October 20, 2011

7:30pm

Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster Street

Members Present: L. Raffel, B. Logan, A. DiMarco, M. Casady, D. Stein, R. Mayne,

Members Absent: B. Burns, M. Sloane, M. Metz

Staff Present: D. Gaynor, B. Dorneker, P. Belcher

Presiding Member: B. Logan, President

#### **Declaration of Quorum**

With a quorum present, Board President B. Logan called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of September 15, 2011**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the September 15 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as written.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Robert Crown Study -**

M. Casady reported that on October 17 the City Council approved the release of an RFP to Design, Build, Finance and Operate an Ice Rink and Community Center within Crown Park, to the three developer teams, prequalified earlier this year (Harbour Contractors, William Blair and McCaffrey Interests). The anticipated schedule for this project after release of the RFP is as follows:

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| Deadline for RFP Questions                                 | December 8, 2011 |
| Issue Final Response Addendum and RFP Questions            | January 5, 2012  |
| Proposal Due Date  | February 9, 2012 |
| Proposal Selection and start of Negotiations (anticipated) | April 5, 2012    |
| Project Award and Agreement Execution (anticipated)        | June 11, 2012    |

##### **Lakefront Master Plan -**

D. Gaynor reported that staff was invited to the Illinois Department Natural Resources in Springfield, IL to make a presentation on the FY 2012 OSLAD/LWCF Grant Application submitted for the Centennial Park Lagoon Renovation Project in the amount of \$400,000.

## **Work Plan Presentation -**

M. Casady and L. Raffel provided a draft 2 year work plan for review and comments. Comments will be compiled and submitted for review at the November Board meeting. The Board will present the final work plan to the Rules Committee in December 2011.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

D. Gaynor provided the Board with a copy of the department's proposed budget and gave a brief overview. He also provided an update on current capital improvement projects. B. Dorneker provided a report this year's beach token sales, donations to the beach token program and the free beach token distribution program. He also provided a report on the participant levels in programs that were coordinated by the department as part of the Mayor's Safe Summer Initiative. One of the summer initiative programs that will continue in the fall is the roller skating program, which was very popular. Skating sessions will be held at Fleetwood-Jourdain, Chandler-Newberger and the Levy Senior Center.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Sale of Park Land / Open Space –**

Proposed Ordinance 56-0-11 Enacting a New Subsection 1-17-4-3 of the City Code to Require Replacement of Sold or Leased Park Land, was presented at the September 2011 Human Services Committee meeting. No action was taken as the Human Services Committee requested more information. The Board will come back to the Human Services Committee in November with information clarifying the proposed ordinance and its benefits to the city overall.

### **Athletic Team Participation Fees –**

Currently each affiliate sport group that use city fields for its team practices/games, pay a participant fee of \$10 per participant registered in their program during the season. Fees collected are deposited into a restricted account and used to offset costs to maintain the fields. The Board agreed that the \$10 participant fee should also apply to the sport camp programs that take place on city fields in the summer, during the off season. A. Dimarco asked what about having an annual fee for all of the non profit organizations like YMCA and the preschools that use the park everyday? The Board will continue discussion on this idea.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

No comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 8:48pm. The next scheduled meeting is 7:30pm November 17, 2011 at Chandler-Newberger, 1028 Central Street.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Petra Belcher, Executive Secretary  
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department