



MEETING MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Thursday, November 17, 2011

7:30pm

Chandler-Newberger Community Center, 1028 Central Street

Members Present: L. Raffel, B. Logan, A. DiMarco, M. Casady, D. Stein, M. Sloane,
M. Metz

Members Absent: B. Burns, R. Mayne

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 October 20 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robert Crown Study -

The RFP to Design, Build, Finance and Operate an Ice Rink and Community Center within Crown Park, was sent to the three developer teams, prequalified earlier this year (Harbour Contractors, William Blair and McCaffrey Interests). The anticipated schedule for this project is as follows:

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 -

No update.

Work Plan Presentation -

The Board added a third goal to its two year work plan. L. Raffel will draft a cover memo and B. Logan will present the final work plan to the Rules Committee at their December 5, 2011 meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

D. Gaynor reported the Council will adopt the 2012 budget on November 28, 2011. Some of the changes to occur within the department include the loss of the Parks/Forestry Secretary II and the Management Analyst. The four Forestry positions proposed for elimination were restored. There was a proposed increase of \$350,000 in recreation program fees but Council voted to lower the increase amount to \$200,000 and directed the Park and Recreation Board and staff to determine which programs to allocate the fee increases.

B. Dorneker reported the new senior nutrition program at the Levy Center and Fleetwood-Jourdain Center has been very successful. Participant levels increased at both sites: Levy Center went from 13 to 38 per day and Fleetwood went from 25 to 50 per day. The roller skating program is very well attended at all three sites (Fleetwood-Jourdain, Chandler-Newberger and the Levy Senior Center. The youth hockey program is also resurging with 86 participants signed up for the fall session at Robert Crown. This is the highest number of registrants in this program in the last 7 years. There was very good attendance at the Children's Theater Workshop performance at the Levy Center. Mason Park Drop-in and Open Gym programs are also experiencing an increase in participant level.

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 came back to the Human Services Committee in November with information clarifying the proposed ordinance and its benefits to the city overall. No action was taken. The Board will present the proposed ordinance to the Human Services Committee again at their December 5, 2011 meeting requesting that the committee make a decision or provide direction.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

M. Sloane said soccer had a really good season and thanked staff for making sure the athletic fields were in great shape and equipment was in place. A. DiMarco said the Children's Theater Program had a great season and their last performance was one of the best. She also noted that Evanston Community Foundation had free beaches listed as one of its top ten ideas for Evanston 150.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 8:44pm. The next scheduled meeting is 7:30pm December 15, 2011 at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.