

**PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES OF**

Thursday, June 16, 2011, 7:30pm  
Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Burns, B. Logan, A. DiMarco, R. Mayne  
M. Casady, L. Raffel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: M. Sloane, M. Metz

STAFF PRESENT: D. Gaynor, B. Dorneker, P. Belcher

OTHERS PRESENT:

PRESIDING MEMBER: B. Logan, President

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

B. Logan called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 19, 2011**

The meeting minutes were approved 5-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Robert Crown Study -**

Prequalified teams have been selected. The environmental work is in progress. The marketing study is in progress. An RFP to the prequalified teams is anticipated in late summer 2011.

**Lakefront Master Plan -**

Construction of the bike path is near completion.

**STAFF REPORTS**

B. Dorneker reported that as part of Mayor Tisdahl's Safe Summer Initiative, Evanston teens and young adults (age 13 to 25) are being invited to gather for a special band performance at the Custer Street Fair, followed by a free beach party on Saturday, June 18. Other ongoing free activities range from open swim to open skating, and from beach volleyball to open basketball. Roller skating on Friday and Saturday nights starts in July (roller skates provided; no in-line skates allowed). The Board received a schedule of all events. Updated list of activities can be found at [www.cityofevanston.org/youth](http://www.cityofevanston.org/youth)

The City's free summer food program got off to a tremendous start on Monday, June 13, serving 755 lunches daily. The new, fourth site at James Park started serving 60 lunches per day, but increased to 90 lunches by Thursday. Robert Crown Center found it necessary to increase their meals from 300 to 325 to meet the demand. The free cold lunches are being served on a first-come, first-served basis, Monday through Friday until August 19 (no service July 4).

The Mason Park Drop-in Program began its summer hours on June 13. Youth age 11-13 can drop by from 2:00 to 8:30 p.m. weekdays and 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Staff has been working with School District 65 on a technology program at Fleetwood. The District donated 30 computers and installed whiteboards with connecting projectors. A group of District 65 teachers will volunteer at Fleetwood during the summer months to work with kids enrolled in the camp programs. The District may look into expanding the program through the fall.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Board's Name Change to Evanston Park and Recreation Board** – L. Raffel will draft a cover memo to the Rules Committee recommending approval of Ordinance 54-O-11 Amending Portions of Title 7, Chapter 9 of the City Code Relating to the Playground and Recreation Board. If approved by the Rules Committee, it will be sent to the full City Council for consideration on July 25.

**Sale of Park Land / Open Space** – B. Dorneker stated that the proposed ordinance establishing guidelines for the sale of city owned park land that was scheduled to go before the Human Services Committee on July 6 is now on hold until after the July 11 discussion on Chandler-Newberger. The Board may need to reevaluate language in the ordinance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Chandler-Newberger Center** - B. Dorneker informed the Board that at the July 11 City Council meeting there will be discussion on exploration of alternate property uses / alternate provision of services for Chandler, Noyes and the Arts Center. He asked if the Board had any thoughts, comments or direction on this subject. A. DiMarco asked if staff had any information on the alternate uses for Chandler. B. Dorneker said no. B. Burns said the Board is not in favor of having Chandler be used in any different way than its current use. Looking at the use of the entire Evanston community at this one center, she finds it hard to believe that there could be a better use than how it's currently used. Ms. DiMarco said there is a tremendous amount of public support to keep Chandler open and wondered if the Board could write a letter to be put forth at the July 11 council meeting. M. Casady said we may want to wait to see what kind of proposal comes out of the meeting first.

### **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Raffel has a child participating in summer camps and said the staff is doing a wonderful job.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is July 21 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

Note: minutes are not verbatim