



## **MEETING MINUTES**

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

Thursday, February 21, 2019

6:00pm

Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St.

Members Present: D. Michelin, T. Long, D. Featherson, E. Moran, J. Bryan

Members Absent: D. Barreto, E. DeStefano

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, K. Hawk, M. Tompkins

Others Present: F. Morris, J. Armstrong, D. Robinson, B. Philips, S. Digsu

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#### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JAN 17**

**Action: The motion to accept the minutes was approved.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

F. Morris and D. Robinson spoke in support of the Honorary Street Name Sign application submitted by Alderman Robin Rue Simmons in honor of Tina Lifford. L. Hemingway read an email of support from Alderman Rue Simmons who was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

#### **HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION – Tina Lifford**

**Action: The motion to approve the application designating the portion of Church St., between Grey Ave. and Hartrey Ave., with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Tina Lifford Way" was approved.**

#### **STAFF UPDATES**

Program Coordinator M. Tompkins gave an overview of her job responsibilities and the different programs offered at Chandler-Newberger Center.

L. Hemingway gave a status overview of the department's capital improvement projects.

On February 13, the City hosted a meeting to have community dialogue on the progress, upcoming work and construction of the Robert Crown Community Center, Ice Complex and Library project. The meeting was very well attended.

The City received a \$320,000 grant for rehabilitation of Harbert Park through the IDNR Open Space and Land Acquisition Development. The downside is we only have 24 months to finish construction, which is a very tight schedule. The first public meeting to gather input regarding planned improvements for the park is scheduled for 6:30pm on Feb 28 at the Kabul House, 2424 Dempster St.

The City submitted a grant application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for funds to do a feasibility study on whether or not we should replace the canoe launch at the ecology center. In the meantime, staff is working with the Skokie Park District to be able to use their canoe launch located at Oakton and McCormick.

Cubs Charities has awarded the Evanston Baseball/Softball Association a Diamond Project Grant of \$51,000 in order to support a new backstop, player's benches and dugout fencing at Foster Field. This is the only grant they provided this year outside of the City of Chicago.

Summer camp online registration was a success this year. Staff collected \$400,000 in registration fees and filled 35% of open camp spaces.

The Mayor's summer youth employment fair is scheduled for 8am to 12:30pm on March 16 at Evanston Township High School. Students must attend the fair in order to be eligible for a job. Workshops and application assistance is scheduled for Feb 26, Mar 2, and Mar 5 at ETHS.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

J. Bryan reminded members that Board office election will be on the agenda next month and to start thinking about who they want to nominate / vote for President and Vice-President of the Board. T. Long asked L. Hemingway if he can share samples of strategic plans from other cities.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 6:52pm. The next scheduled meeting is 6pm on Mar 21, 2019 at the Ecology Center.