



MEETING MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Thursday, February 18, 2016

7:30pm

Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St.

Members Present: D. Stein, E. DeStefano, B. Logan, J. Bryan J. Brown, D. Campbell

Members Absent: H. Garcia, R. Mayne, A. DiMarco

Staff Present: B. Dorneker, L. Hemingway

Others Present: R. Hudson, G. Pike, S. Lawrence, Susan, Deborah, George

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

With a quorum present, D. Stein called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of JANUARY 21

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Hudson announced that the Robert Crown Advisory Board is currently recruiting members. Members must be actively engaged in the community and at the Robert Crown Center. She also reported that several members of the Board are in support of a new Robert Crown Center building.

G. Pike has been skating at Robert Crown for about 7 years and his son has skated there for 17 years. Robert Crown has very talented coaches and we need a building that's deserving of that kind of talent. He is in support of a new building.

S. Lawrence has 2 daughters that skate at Robert Crown. Robert Crown has amazing coaches and amazing programs. Renovating the building is not enough. She would like to see a new building.

Susan is from Rogers Park and has skated at Robert Crown for 15 years. Occasionally she is embarrassed by the condition of the center when she brings friends to see some of the ice shows. So she would be happy for any type of improvements but would like to see a new building with additional sheet of ice.

Deborah and her daughter skate at Robert Crown. She would also like to see a new building with more ice.

Lawrence Hemingway, the new Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, introduced himself to the Board.

George of the speed skating program at Robert Crown gave an update on the program which has grown over the years.

CIP UPDATE

The Board reviewed the monthly capital improvement projects report submitted by L. Biggs, Bureau Chief of Capital Planning & Engineering.

ROBERT CROWN ADVISORY BOARD

Ms. Hudson mentioned again that the Robert Crown Advisory Board is currently recruiting. At a future meeting D. Stein would like to discuss what the role is between the Park and Recreation Board and the different Recreation Center Advisory Boards and how we can help recruit members.

STAFF REPORT

The Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center is up and running with programs, community meetings and community rentals. The First Slice Café should be moved in by end of March. We had 4,929 individuals sign up for the summer camp lottery. We currently have 693 individuals on a waiting list for various summer camp programs. D. Stein asked that for next year staff look at the most successful camp programs and figure out how we can meet the demand of all Evanstonians that want to go to those camps. The Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program Job Fair is on Saturday, March 12 at Evanston Township High School.

LEVY ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Action: It was moved and seconded that Pat Warren, Margaret Gergen, Susan Walton and Barbara Bronson be appointed to the Levy Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved 8:15PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on March 17, 2016 at the Gibbs-Morrison Center.