



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**

Thursday, April 21, 2016

7:00pm

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Room 2404

Members Present: D. Stein, E. DeStefano, B. Logan, H. Garcia, R. Mayne, J. Brown, Denise Barreto

Members Absent: J. Bryan, D. Campbell

Staff Present: B. Dorneker, L. Hemingway

Others Present:

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### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of MARCH 17**

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **CIP UPDATE**

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

### **STAFF REPORT**

The Church Street Boat Ramp will be open on May 1. The project to remove / replace athletic lighting for baseball and football field in Foster Park started today. The interior and exterior work at the Gibbs Morrison Center is almost complete. First Slice should open in the next few weeks. Robert Crown Recreation Manager Robert Lloyd will retire on May 6 after 29 years with the City. Special Projects Assistant Melissa Parker will serve as interim Recreation Manager until we find a replacement.

### **Farmers Market Update**

The Downtown Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 7 with 58 vendors. This summer Department staff will review the farmers market ordinance and application process for any improvements. D. Stein made a request that the Board be a part of the process to recommend ordinance and application process changes. It's very important that it's a transparent process with public input.

### **Dog Beach Update**

The lake levels are up at the dog beach and continue to rise. The department stopped selling dog beach tokens and posted signs at the dog beach to use at your own risk.

Alderman Fiske will be holding a 1st Ward special meeting on April 30 at the Civic Center to discuss the conditions and challenges of the Evanston Dog Beach and receive input. D. Stein suggested making sure all dog beach pass holder are aware of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward special meeting.

Robert Crown Center Fundraising Campaign Progress

The City is still moving forward in various stages of the fundraising initiative. There will be a separate 501c3 "Friends of the Crown Center" to hold all funds raised.

### **PARKING AT LEE STREET BEACH**

Parking on Lakeshore Blvd between Lee and Greenleaf is parallel. D. Stein said the city could fit twice as many cars if it were diagonal parking and asked staff to have the Parking Committee look into this suggestion. B. Dorneker said before staff goes to the parking committee the city engineer has to do a measurement check due to traffic guidelines for diagonal parking.

**Action: the motion to have staff ask the city engineer to perform the measurement check to see if diagonal parking could be placed at Lakeshore Blvd between Lee and Greenleaf was approved.**

### **ROBERT CROWN ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT**

D. Stein recommended placing the application on hold until the Board could look at the make-up of the Robert Crown Advisory Board as it appears to be mostly figure skating representatives.

### **BOARD OFFICE ELECTION**

**Action: the motion for Jeff Brown serve as Board President and Emily DeStefano serve as Vice President was approved.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved 7:37PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on May 19, 2016 at the Fleetwood Jourdain Center.