



MEETING MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Thursday, October 20, 2016

7:00pm

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave

Members Present: E. DeStefano, H. Garcia, D. Stein, J. Brown, R. Mayne, J. Bryan,
D. Campbell

Members Absent: D. Barreto, B Logan

Staff Present: B. Dorneker, L. Hemingway,

Others Present: P. Donnelly, A. Pigozzi, E. Revelle, B. Winck, L Damoshok,
M. Flynn

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of SEPT 15

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

M. Flynn said she has attended meetings at the Gibbs Morrison Cultural Center and the Levy Center and both facilities are amazing and offer fabulous programs. She and a friend have visited with L. Hemingway a couple of times regarding the beaches not looking like Evanston. It breaks her heart to see African American and Hispanics on one side of the fence (park side) and white families on the other side (beach side). She would love to see there not be a fence (free beach access for all).

CIP MONTHLY REPORT

The Board received a written report of park and park facility capital improvement projects from L. Biggs of the Public Works Department.

7TH WARD ALDERMAN ELENOR REVELLE

City Council directed the Park and Recreation Board and Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee to work with the City Manager and appropriate staff to develop a plan for the future operation of the Harley Clarke Mansion property beginning in 2018. This plan will include identifying community groups and non-profit organizations that may wish to use the property. The City will also identify additional program uses and associated costs for the property. The plan shall also review and include recommendations to ensure better access to the property through transit/bikes/shuttles, etc. The Parks and Recreation Board and Lighthouse Landing Committee will return to the City Council with recommendations no later than July 1, 2017.

Alderman Revelle came to the meeting to enlist members from the Board to sit on this subcommittee. J. Bryan, E. DeStefani and D. Campbell volunteered.

HARLEY CLARKE MANSION / LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTIES

The Board received written report on the history of the Harley Clarke Mansion and the Lighthouse properties per the request of D. Stein.

STAFF REPORT

Staff is moving forward with the selection of an architecture firm to design a new crown facility. We received 19 proposals and narrowed it down to 5. Interviews will start next week. A Mason Park open house is scheduled for Nov 3. All are welcome to tour the facility's improvements which include resurfaced basketball courts, expanded Wi-Fi capabilities, computer room with desktop computers and chromebooks for student use, and A/V gaming equipment for participants to enjoy. Staff is working closely with Public Works on a system to better maintain the athletic fields. The department is taking the necessary steps in the journey to becoming accredited within the next 2-3 years. In 2017 outdoor ice rinks will be located at Baker Park, Ackerman Park and the Arrington Lagoon. In order to be more in line with the City's sustainability goals, the department will cease the bulk mailing and reduce the printing of LIFE Magazine from 106,500 to 30,000 copies annually. Copies will be delivered to specific facilities for patrons to pick up. The magazine will also be online. The Board will receive a presentation on the Park Score Card findings in November. In December staff will introduce an Ordinance to the Human Services Committee authorizing amendments to Title 3, Chapter 22, to include permitting farmer cooperatives and non-Evanston bread makers to sell at the Evanston Farmers' Market.

Staff and Board members send their condolences to B. Logan who had two deaths in his family this past week. His sister in Texas and his cousin in Evanston.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:05PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on Nov 17, 2016 at the Ecology Center.