



MEETING MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Thursday, February 23, 2017

7:00pm

Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St

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

Members Absent: D. Campbell, B Logan

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, T. Tevsh, A. Heiser

Others Present: Ald. D. Holmes, S. Mann, Rev P. Colman, L. Raab, P. Wild,
K. Proskie, S. Pilgrim

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ald. D. Holmes and Rev. P. Coleman spoke in support of the honorary street name sign application submitted to honor Rev. Zollie Webb.

EVANSTON SAIL AND PADDLE ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The association reported that the beach was run in a safe and efficient manner during the 2016 boat launch season. They will continue to meet with staff on safety matters affecting the Dempster Street boating beach area as we approach the 2017 season.

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

L. Hemingway introduced Theresa Tevsh, the new Levy Center Manager and Anne Marie Heister, the new Robert Crown Center Manager.

HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN FOR REV. ZOLLIE WEBB

The Board reviewed and discussed the honorary street name sign application submitted by Ald. Delores Holmes and Rev. Philinda Colman to honor Rev. Zollie Webb.

Action: The motion to approve the application was approved.

REQUEST FOR WILLIAM N. ERICKSON FUNDS

The Board received a request from the Evanston Baseball / Softball Association for \$850 from the William N. Erickson Fund to sponsor two teams in the 2017 season.

Action: The motion to approve the request for \$850 was approved.

HARLEY CLARKE PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

H. Garcia reported that at the last committee meeting the Evanston Lakehouse and Gardens group presented a draft business plan showing how they propose to restore and repurpose Harley Clarke to provide a welcoming and inclusive venue for environmental education, outdoor recreation, community gatherings and events. Ald. Revelle will attend the March Board meeting to provide an update and start discussion on next steps toward making a recommendation for City Council to consider.

ROBERT CROWN CENTER UPDATE

On Jan 23, 2017 City Council approve a contract in the amount of \$497,500 with Woodhouse Tinucci Architects, LLC to provide architectural/engineering services for the Robert Crown Community Center, Ice Complex and Library. This fee is to provide the programming/investigation and schematic concept design services only. Invitations were sent to several user groups / stakeholders to participate in a workshop to gather input and discuss needs for the planned replacement of Robert Crown Center, Ice Complex and Library. There is also a community meeting scheduled for 630pm on March 21 a Robert Crown. Fundraising efforts are going strong.

STAFF UPDATES

Intergovernmental Agreement with School Districts

Hemingway met with Dist 202 Athletic Director, C. Livatino to discuss possible partnership regarding athletic field use. It was discovered that many of the field user groups already have field use contracts in place with Dist 202. L. Hemingway will meet with Dist 65 in the near future.

Park Score Card

Now that we have the score card results we need to start thinking about how to prioritize the park development projects. L. Hemingway suggests park development from a system wide approach versus developing one park at a time. The Board agreed.

MYSEP Job Fair

The MYSEP Job Fair is scheduled for 8am to 130pm on March 11 at Evanston Township High School. The fair is for youth 14-18 years old who live in zip codes 60201 and 60202. The goal is to hire 1,000 kids this year.

Summer Camp Registration

The new summer camp registration process was a success. Staff collected over \$350,000 in registration fees on day one of registration.

Next month the Board will need to vote on a new President and Vice President

CIP MONTHLY REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:26PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on March 16, 2017 at the Levy Center.