MEETING MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Thursday, May 18, 2017
7:00pm
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.

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

Members Absent: J. Brown, D. Barreto

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, B. Dorneker


DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With a quorum present, E. DeStefano called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 20
The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

HARLEY CLARK PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE
Alderman E. Revelle stated that on June 26, 2017, the Harley Clarke Planning Committee is planning to recommend that City Council approve the creation of an environmental education center at Harley Clarke. She attended tonight’s meeting to ask for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board’s official approval to move forward with the recommendation.

Action: The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board support the recommendation to City Council to approve the creation of an environmental education center at Harley Clarke. D. Campbell made a motion to add to the recommendation that some portion of the $250,000 that was allocated for repairs to the fog houses, be used as either seed money or money to jump start the this effort. Motion approved.

GIBBS MORRISON CIP UPDATE
L. Hemingway gave an update on the improvement project to address storm water issues / flooding in the building and to improve the site for programing functions. The Board requested information on how much has been spent on the facility and the utilization of the facility.
ROBERT CROWN ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS
Action: The motion to appoint Jennifer Dillman, Susan Felts, and Angelique Cullen-Ketzback to the Robert Crown Advisory Board was approved.

REVIEW OF THE HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN POLICY
The current Resolution allows for honorary street names signs to remain for 10 years but the signs are not being removed once they reach the 10 year mark. The Board suggests that we remove the signs or amend the resolution to extend the term past 10 years. There was also a question on why City Council was naming public places without coming through the Board. It was pointed out that the Ordinance reads the Board Acts in an “advisory capacity to the City Council” on the request for public place names not approval capacity.

STAFF UPDATES
L. Hemingway will be meeting with Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to see if they’re willing to fund our strategic plan. He will keep the Board informed. A rededication ceremony for Penny Park is scheduled for 12pm on June 27. The next Robert Crown public meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on June 1.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting ended at 7:50PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on June 15, 2017 at the Civic Center.