



MEETING MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Thursday, October 26, 2017

7:00pm

Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 1701 Main St.

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, B. Dorneker

Others Present:

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

With a quorum present, E. DeStafano called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPT 21

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

HARLEY CLARKE UPDATE

On November 13 City Council will review responses to Request for Proposal (RFP) 17-48 to lease the Harley Clarke Mansion, 2603 Sheridan Road, to a non-profit organization and provide direction to staff.

ROBERT CROWN UPDATE

The schematic design is complete. Design development and construction documents are in progress. As of today we've raised over \$10 million dollars. The anticipated project timeline: design development in fall 2017, construction in summer 2018, and opening in fall 2019.

CIP MONTHLY REPORT

L. Hemingway gave an overview of the 2018 proposed capital improvement program. D. Stein requested that staff make sure the Beck Park expansion/Shore School project comes before the Board.

2018 BUDGET UPDATE

Included in the City's proposed 2018 budget cuts is the possible elimination of 4 positions in our department: Administrative Supervisor, Special Events Coordinator, Chandler Center Manager, and Levy Center Manager. A new manager position will open that will oversee Levy and Chandler. Budget cuts also include an unpaid furlough day on Nov 10 where the Civic Center (with the exception of building tenants), recreation centers, and all Evanston Public Library locations will be closed for standard programs and services.

The Board was extremely disappointed that November 10 was selected for the furlough day. This is both an equity and safety issue that will most certainly cause the city more pain than the savings they intend to gain. Like Police and Fire, Parks and Recreation as it relates to pre-school, before school and after school care is an essential service for our working families and families in lower incomes will be disproportionately damaged by this decision.

James Park Field House -. During the budget discussion at a City Council meeting, staff was asked to provide estimated cost to offer a weekday recreational after school program at the James Park field house during the months of September to June (similar to what's offered at the Mason Park field house). The estimated net expense is \$45,164.

STAFF UPDATES

Outdoor Ice Rinks 2018 -. Outdoor ice rinks will be at Bent Park, Baker Park, Arrington Lakefront Lagoon and Leahy Park.

Programming Plans for Gibbs Morrison Center - The Board received a list of upcoming programs offered at Gibbs Morrison Center.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:00PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on Nov 16, 2017 at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.