



MEETING MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Thursday, November 16, 2017

7:00pm

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.

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

Members Absent: D. Barreto, J. Brown

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, B. Dorneker

Others Present: F. Myer, E. Revelle, I Hurd, E. Hurd, J. Bromer, J. Hauser,
C. Fleming

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF OCT 26

The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. Meyer said the Open Space and Buildings Committee of Age Friendly Evanston Task Force will have a representative at future Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board meetings but tonight he's just observing.

HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATIONS

Steve Perkins Way - The motion to recommend approval of the honorary street name sign application submitted by Ald. Ann Rainey honoring Steve Perkins was approved.

Rick Ferguson Way - The motion to recommend approval of the honorary street name sign application submitted by Ald. Cicely Fleming honoring Rick Ferguson was approved.

HARLEY CLARKE UPDATE

The City requested proposals to enter into a long-term lease with a non-profit organization that will invest in and renovate the Harley Clarke Mansion to create a high quality public use for the space consistent with the 2008 Lakefront Master Plan. The City received one response from Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens. City Council

approved the response on November 13, 2017. City Council directed staff to move forward with lease negotiations, which will return to City Council for approval in early 2018. L. Hemingway is on the negotiation team and will keep the Board informed.

ROBERT CROWN UPDATE

The schematic design is complete. Design development and construction documents are in progress. The anticipated project timeline: design development in fall 2017, construction in summer 2018, and opening in fall 2019.

CIP MONTHLY REPORT

The Fleetwood-Jourdain Center restroom and HVAC and electrical improvements will cause some disruption to programs in the building. Staff is working to manage this. There has been a delay with the Gibbs Morrison Center improvements due to fiber optic cable that runs through private property. This is also being addressed by staff. The James Park north field renovation is almost complete.

2018 BUDGET UPDATE

City Council will vote on the 2018 budget at their November 27 meeting.

STAFF UPDATES

Outdoor Ice Rinks 2018 -. Outdoor ice rinks will be at Bent Park, Baker Park, and Leahy Park. There will not be an ice rink at the Arrington Lakefront Lagoon. Northwestern University also has a free outdoor ice rink on campus open to the public located at Norris University Center.

Farmers Market Season End Report - This year we had 58 market vendors and an average attendance (estimated) 5000-7000 per market day (Seed Survey results).

The LINK program provided funds for use in the market every Saturday

850 transactions

\$16,655 off their LINK Card

\$ 6,700 USDA Matching Grant funds

\$ 9,229 Friends Matching Grant funds

\$32,584 total funds for LINK customers

Additional activities in the market this year included:

- 3 recycling events sponsored by First Bank and Trust
- University of Illinois Master Gardeners twice a month
- 2 Tiny Tot Theater performances
- 16 weeks –Home Grown Artist exhibits
- 15 Not for Profit organizations sold baked items in our Bake Sale Tent
- Talking Farms sold locally grown produce 4 times –Seed to Sale program
- City of Evanston- Police and Fire Foundation and Truck exhibit
- Over 50 musical performances (individual or small group musicians)
- Evanston Story Tellers entertained 4 times at the market
- Over 100 children and family members attended our Fall Fest on October 28th
- New kids' farmers' market stand with produce and shopping carts

Next year we will introduce a cooking program- "4 for 15" How to cook for a family of 4 on \$15 of produce from the market.

Summer camp registration starts February 3, 2018. Staff is working on a new proposal to streamline the Subsidized Taxicab Program process and make it more cost efficient.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:10PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on Dec 21, 2017 at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.