



MEETING MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Thursday, March 15, 2018

7:00pm

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Room 2402

Members Present: J. Bryan, E. DeStefano, D. Campbell, D. Michelin, D. Stein,
D. Barreto

Members Absent: J. Brown, H. Garcia, R. Mayne

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, B. Dorneker, S. Levine

Others Present: R. Bush

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JAN 18, 2018

Action: The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CIP REPORT

Beck Park Expansion Project and Pumping Station – On February 12, City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Morton Grove Niles Water Commission for the construction and operation of an intermediate booster pump station located at 2525 Church Street. Demolition of the existing building is to be performed by Morton Grove Niles Water commission starting next month and they plan to have the pumping station constructed by November. In terms of the park improvement project, staff will start the public engagement process this summer.

James Park Field Lighting Project – Installation of athletic field lighting has been placed on hold pending direction from the Legal Department. The funds for this project (\$400,000) will be reallocated.

ROBERT CROWN UPDATE

The Friends of the Robert Crown Center have secured over \$11 million in commitments (scheduled to come in on an annual basis over the course of the next 5 to 7 years) and over \$2.5 million in the bank that will go toward the start of the project. On February 26

City Council approved a contract with Bulley & Andrews to provide construction management services for the Robert Crown Center. The initial contract recommendation is for preconstruction services only in the amount of \$41,510.00. A recommendation for construction services will occur upon successful completion of the pre-construction phase, completion of the project's design documentation and negotiation of the construction price.

HARLEY CLARKE UPDATE

On March 12, City Council adopted Ordinance 42-O-18, authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease of City-owned real property (known as the Harley Clarke Mansion) located at 2603 Sheridan Rd. with Evanston Lake House and Gardens (ELHG). The lease is for 40 years and ELHG will be required to raise \$2 million in funding over three years and then make code-related improvements to the mansion, opening the property for public use by May 2023.

STAFF UPDATES

Amy Kellogg was hired on May 5 as the new Recreation Manager at the Levy Center. She brings a wealth of professional and volunteer experience to the City of Evanston. She has been in the field of parks and recreation for more than 15 years, with extensive experience in recreation programs and facility management.

The City has updated its subsidized taxicab program to expand transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. Amendments include an increase in the participant share from four dollars (\$4.00) to five dollars (\$5.00) and changing the boundaries of the program to within the corporate boundaries of Evanston.

Due to beach erosion the City does not have a dog beach for the 2018 season.

Six-hundred twenty youth attended the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Job Fair. The dress for success campaign was a great success. The Evanston community donated business casual clothing that many of the job fair participants wore for their interviews.

The department is bringing back the Open Gym program. Schedules are posted on the City's website. Staff is also working on a proposal for a midnight basketball program.

BOARD OFFICE ELECTION

Action: The motion for John Bryan to serve as Board President and David Campbell to serve as Vice President was approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

L. Hemingway explained there was a robo call from D. Barreto supporting a particular candidate, and in her robo call she used her position as a member of the Evanston Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board, and you can't do that. Once staff was made aware, we contacted the Legal Dept., the Mayor and the City Manager and the advice was to have Denise stop the robo calls, and she did.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:10PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on Apr 19, 2018 at the Civic Center 2100 Ridge Ave., Room 2402.