



MEETING MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Thursday, Oct 18, 2018

6:00pm

Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, B. Dorneker

Others Present: R. Bush, G. Aguilar, M Fair, L. Baptiste, K. Laude, P. Braithwaite

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPT 20

Action: the motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

P. Braithwaite, L. Baptiste and K. Laude spoke in support of the honorary street name sign application for Pierre Jean-Paul.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Honorary Street Name Sign Application – Pierre Jean-Paul

The Board reviewed the application submitted by Alderman Peter Braithwaite and Gabrielle Jean-Paul Aguilar, and listened to comments from supporters at the meeting.

Action: The motion to approve the application designating the portion of Pitner Avenue, Between Dempster Street and Greenwood Street, with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Pierre Jean-Paul Way” was approved.

Levy Advisory Board Member Application – Martha Carter

The Board reviewed the application submitted by Levy Center staff and Levy Advisory Board.

Action: The motion to appoint Martha Carter to the Levy Center Advisory Board was approved.

STAFF UPDATE

Capital Improvement Projects Update and Schedule for 2019

L. Hemingway provided status on 2018 projects and gave an overview of the proposed budget for projects scheduled for 2019.

Garden Park Parking Lot

D. Stein spoke with Alderman Wynne and she is aware of the Board's concerns with the City redeveloping a park that won't have parking access. He will attend the Transportation and Parking Committee meeting express the Board's concerns to the committee.

2019 Department Budget Update

L. Hemingway reported there are a few items proposed in the budget that will affect the department: the closure of Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center, the elimination of the World Arts and Music Festival, and restructuring of the Youth and Young Adult Division. There are no cuts involved with the staff restructure and he is working with the Ward Alderman to come up with a proposed plan to keep Gibbs-Morrison open. E. DeStefano requested a report on Gibbs-Morrison's revenues/expenses and programs.

Outdoor Ice rinks 2019

The outdoor ice rink locations for 2019 are Baker Park, Arrington Lakefront Lagoon and Ackerman Park.

Proposed Board, Committees and Commission Consolidation

The Rules Committee has started discussing the realignment, consolidation, and refocusing of 17 different City boards, committees, and commissions (BCCs). This work includes the integration of STAR metrics into the City's BCCs and integrating activities across departments in order to provide transparency on urban and municipal metrics. Staff will keep the Board updated their discussions.

D. Stein mentioned that the Board currently has 4 vacancies (David Campbell recently resigned). It may be time to have discussion on dissolving the Levy and Robert Crown Advisory Boards and encouraging them to apply to sit on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board.

Currently, the rules of the City do not allow for members to call into a meeting. If a change is requested, it will need to be taken to the Rules Committee for the City Council Rules.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 7:15pm. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on November 15, 2018 at the Levy Center.