



MEETING MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Thursday, November 15, 2018

7:00pm

Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

Members Present: J. Bryan, D. Michelin, D. Stein

Members Absent: D. Barreto, E. DeStefano

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, B. Dorneker, T. Carter, R. Russo, K. Hawk

Others Present: S. Wedlow, Z. Webb, D. Holmes, A. Ketzback, L. Haliburton,
R. Roebuck

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF OCT 18

Action: the motion to accept the minutes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. Holmes spoke in support of the honorary street name sign application submitted by Ald. Robin Simmons in honor of Nathan Haliburton, Jr. A. Ketzback asked for more clarity as to why the Robert Crown Advisory Board's fundraising idea (4'x4' Mosaic) was not approved by the Board. D. Stein explained that part of the Robert Crown design process is a public art design process and the mosaic does not fit into the design of the building. He asked for her contact information so he can discuss her proposal further with the Friends of Robert Crown group.

HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION - Nathan Haliburton, Jr.

Action: The motion to approve the application designating the portion of Emerson St., between Wesley Ave. and Asbury Ave., with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Nathan Haliburton, Jr. Way" was approved.

GIBBS MORRISON CULTURAL CENTER REPORT

The proposal to close the Gibbs Morrison Center has been removed from the budget. L. Hemingway gave an overview of all expenditures for Gibbs Morrison Center since its purchase by the City. He is meeting with staff and Ald. Simmons to come up with new revenue generating programs for the facility and will keep the Board informed.

CIP UPDATE

B. Dorneker gave a brief overview of the capital improvement project report. The 2nd community meeting regarding Garden Park renovations is scheduled for 7pm on Tue, Dec 4 at Lincoln Elementary School. Staff and the consultants will present/discuss project information, summary of public comments received and initial concept designs. D. Stein reminded staff that park renovation projects should come before the Board for input as well. He would like to have a 3rd meeting where the Garden Park project is presented to the Board for input. At some point the Board should be able to work with staff to determine which projects are put on the capital improvement project schedule.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET UPDATE

The 2019 Fiscal Year Budget will be presented to City Council for approval on November 19. Items that pertain to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Dept include:

- Eliminate World Arts and Music Festival (55,000)
- Reorganization of Parks Staff (113,495)
- Overtime for beaches and aquatic camps - Parks 25,000

STAFF UPDATES

K. Hawk introduced Levy Center Recreation Program Coordinators Tim Carter, who oversees the senior programs, and Bob Russo, who oversee the senior fitness and facility rentals. The Mayor's annual Food, Book and Toy Drive is underway. Donations are being accepted at various sites in Evanston from Nov 5 to Dec 14. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District approved the easement at Canal Shores Golf Course that will allow a public road to be built at the 10th hole of the Canal Shores Golf Course in Wilmette. The Evanston Baseball Softball Association received a Diamond Project Grant of \$51,000 from the Chicago Cubs Charities. The funds will be used to support a new backstop, player's benches and dugout fencing at Foster Field located at Foster St and Ashland Ave. At the December 10 Council meeting, the Mayor will appoint new members to fill vacancies on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board.

2019 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed the 2019 meeting schedule. J. Bryan suggested changing the Board's meeting start time to 6pm.

Action: The motion to change the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board meeting start time from 7pm to 6pm beginning with the January 2019 meeting was approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

The Board congratulated B. Dorneker on his retirement and thanked him for his 31 years of service with the City of Evanston. D. Stein would like to continue conversation regarding the necessity of the Robert Crown Advisory Board and the Levy Center Advisory Board. He feels there is redundancy with having the PRCS Board and these advisory boards that report to the PRCS Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:11pm. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on December 20, 2018 at the Civic Center.