



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Thursday, January 17, 2019

6:00pm

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.

Members Present: D. Michelin, D. Stein, T. Long, D. Featherson, E. Moran

Members Absent: D. Barreto, E. DeStefano, J. Bryan

Staff Present: L. Hemingway, K. Hawk, R. Doerner, A. Allyn, T. Rhoze, K. Brown

Others Present: N. Mabwa

#### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

With a quorum present, D. Stein called the meeting to order.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOV 15**

**Action: The motion to accept the minutes was approved.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Department staff attended the meeting to introduce themselves and give an update on the programs in their divisions. K. Hawk, Assistant Director; R. Doerner Recreation Services Manager; A. Allyn, Cultural Arts Program Coordinator; T. Rhoze, Fleetwood-Jourdain Artistic Theatre Director; K. Brown, Community Services Manager.

#### **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

L. Hemingway introduced new Board members Dan Featherson, Tracy Long and Edmund Moran. Each gave a brief background of themselves.

#### **REQUEST FOR WILLIAM N. ERICKSON FUNDS**

The Board received a request from the Evanston Baseball / Softball Association for \$900 from the William N. Erickson Fund to sponsor two teams in the 2019 season.

**Action: The motion to approve the request for \$900 was approved.**

#### **STAFF UPDATES**

**Robert Crown Community Center Public Art Selection** – On January 15 staff requested that the Arts Council make a selection of the preferred artist and art piece for installation at the new Robert Crown Center. The next step is for staff to finalize negotiations and enter into a contract with the selected artist.

**Gibbs Morrison Cultural Center** – There is a Gibbs Morrison Reboot event scheduled 4pm-7pm on Jan 19 to highlight the studio space and producers. There will also be an announcement of upcoming events at the Center.

**Parks Strategic Master Plan** – The department received \$50,000 from the Good Neighbor Fund to develop a Parks Strategic Master Plan.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

D. Stein announced his resignation from the Board. His work on the Friends of Robert Crown Board is taking up a lot of his time and they have a lot of work to do. One thing he wants to leave with the Board is that parks are citywide assets and not Ward assets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 7:12pm. The next scheduled meeting is 6pm on Feb 21, 2019 at the Chandler-Newberger Center.