

Elmhurst Park District Meeting  
June 11, 2014  
7:00-8:20

Observer: Ricky Dufort

**Present:** President Carolyn Ubriaco, Vice President Vince Spaeth, Commissioner Anthony Pelosi, Commissioner Mary Kies, Commissioner Colette Kubiesa, and Commissioner Patricia Morissette-Moll. The Executive Director of the Park District Jim Rogers along with 7 Staff members (With one newly appointed staff member which would then make 8) and 2 public citizens attended the meeting.

**Absent:** Commissioner Bob Howard

- 1. President Ubriaco called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**
- 2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda**
  - a. Request to add 12-C to closed session
- 3. Committee Reports**
  - a. None
- 4. Upcoming Committee Meetings**
  - a. Gateway – June 12, 2014
  - b. Elmhurst Art Museum – June 18, 2014
  - c. PEP – June 19, 2014
  - d. Sugar Creek Golf Course – June 24, 2014
  - e. Stormwater Sub Committee – TBD
  - f. Lizzardo Museum – November 2014
- 5. Consent Agenda (The vote to approve was unanimous)**
  - a. Approval of May 28, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - b. Approval of May 28, 2014 Closed Meeting Minutes
  - c. Voucher Lists
  - d. Prevailing Wage Ordinance O-07-14
- 6. Board Business**
  - a. Unfinished Business (Old)
    - i. Jim reported that the V3 initial findings are only 10% of the contract amount and show very detailed and veteran experience in working with recreational centers. The V3 report described how many recreational space issues they found. Jim described that V3 said that both the parks could be properly drained as well as preserved for recreational use.
    - ii. Commissioner Spaeth then said that he feels V3 is more than capable and should be able to find other ways to control the flood issue without using parks. Also he then made clear that the biggest fear of citizens is the flooding of houses. He stated that there is such a thing as too much drainage that turns the parks into dust bowls.
    - iii. Commissioner Kies then reported that she is also pleased with V3 and is excited to see the full recommendation and plan that V3 comes up with.

- iv. Commissioner Moll said she was concerned that observation 7 needs to obtain balance, which is very challenging. Moll said she is not knocking Burke or V3 she is knocking City Officials.
- v. President Ubriaco ended the old business by saying that the storm water is the cities business.

**b. New Business**

**i. Resolution of Authorization R-04-14 Application**

1. Jim introduced Angela to speak about R-04-14 application for OSLAD/LWCF Grant 2016 Butterfield Park. Angela said that the board needs to support the application and the 2016 Butterfield is up for redevelopment. The funding will need to be \$400,000 with \$400,000 matched by the district, which is still not enough for the whole project. 5 points were important to the initial report including the basketball hoop being in the parking lot, the drainage issue, path quality, infield mix, and crossing Butterfield from the south side. A discussion then concluded that prioritization is important.
2. Jim then said there are many things that benefit from having the correct solution for floodwaters. Benefits include less lawn maintenance, and overall less park maintenance.
3. Then Butterfield Park was discussed when dealing with the Elmhurst College field and how the field will be maintained and how impermeable paving can be of use to the parks in Elmhurst. The other big discussion topic was parking on the side of the street and how it can dangerous to cross Butterfield. Spaeth then offered the 45-degree angle parking lot uses at East End.
4. Then there was a motion for approval of R-04-14 and the board approved it unanimously.

**ii. PC Replacement**

1. Plan to replace 90 PC computers. Dave (IT staff member) would like to replace the computers on a 3 to 4 year cycle. Dave proposed that the best way to buy the computers in bulk by replacing 89% of the computers used by the park district. A company is auctioning off the computers and the park district gets the money from the auction. The total price for all of the new computers is \$48,510. The vote to approve the purchase of the 90 PC computers was unanimous.

**iii. Program and Service Report: Ethics Policies and Procedures**

1. Plan A is to align resources to better communication between different parts of the park district. The governing policy is the ethics ordinance O-05-04 that

prohibits specific political activities. Then an appointed ethics officer enforces the ethical guidelines established by the park district. Then an ethics committee enforces the provisions of the law. Then the economic interest is involved with the economic disclosure filled out with county. Then the investment policy is developed in accordance with the public fund investment act (30ILCS 235/2), which refrains from conflicting personal business and personal activities. Executive limitations are established with constraints on authority of the Executive Director, with acceptable ethic boundaries. Jim then explained 6.08, which is the general executive restraints, which also restricts Executive Director actions.

- a. Business ethics of employees promotes district-wide integrity and complies with the laws applicable to the district. Non-accounts payable disbursement procedures include the whistleblower policy. The employee in the whistleblower policy must file a complaint if another employee violates ethical principles of the park district.
2. President Ubriaco concluded the discussion by adding that she felt the policy connects the park district and gives a standard for behavior.

#### **7. Staff Announcements**

- a. Underpass banner with pool party winner announcement. Working on autumn brochure and music in Wilder Park begins soon.
- b. 257 memberships at Courts Plus
- c. PC replacement vendor will be contacted tomorrow
- d. New staff member
- e. Swim lessons kick off next week
- f. All staff meeting the all full time staff
- g. Plan to have an organization assist in preservation of land
- h. LA fitness is still in proposal but could change
- i. Finance meeting on property
- j. IEPD gold outing
- k. NRPA congress reservations

#### **8. Closed Session began at 8:41 P.M.**