

ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

375 West First Street
August 22, 2016

LWV Reporter (from audiotape): B. Lipton

NOTE: Asterisks indicate items below with relevant documents that can be accessed via the URL shown at the end of this report

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m. by President Spaeth
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL: Commissioner Pelosi absent
4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA.....Removed Agenda #12, 13, and 9b (5)
5. REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS None
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - * a. Gateway: Ray Graham Assoc. participation numbers seem to be climbing each month, including non-resident participants. Work is continuing with the development of the new website. The target time for launch is this fall.
 - * b. Sugar Creek Golf Course board will meet tomorrow night.
7. UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 - a Sugar Creek Golf Course – August 23, 2016
 - b. Gateway – September 8, 2016
 - c. PEP – September 15, 2016
8. CONSENT AGENDA Approved 6-0
 - * a. Approval of July 25, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - * b. Approval of July 25, 2016 Closed Meeting Minutes
 - * c. Voucher Lists
9. BOARD BUSINESS
 - a. Unfinished Business (Old):
 - * 1) Comprehensive Plan Firm Interviews and Selection Consensus Reached
Comm. Morissette-Moll recused herself from the discussion to avoid any appearance of conflict, as her daughter is the fiancé of one of the principals of Dewberry Architects, one of the members of the Lakota Group. She will observe but not participate in the discussion.
 - Two firms, Design Perspectives and Lakota Group, presented their qualifications and proposals, followed by questions. There were 22 initial responses to the RFP; 6 firms came in with full proposals and 4 were scored best. The staff Selection Committee, including the District’s Management Team and Landscape Architect, reviewed the 4 firms and selected 2 for final consideration by the Board.
 - After the presentation Commissioners discussed their preferences for one firm or the other.
 - Graf: Lakota takes a more collective approach using a number of highly rated collaborators; DP is more of a local operation. A concern that DP might be a one-man show, but he liked more of the hands-on approach, a single overarching vision.
 - Comm. Ennis echoed Comm. Graf’s opinions and concerns, but liked LG’s presentation focusing on Oak Park.
 - Comm. Kies was impressed with LG’s expertise, but they have not worked with a lot of park districts per se. DP showed that they really know park districts and the issues they face.
 - Comm. Ubriaco preferred the LG because they have a really deep talent base, and the Elmhurst Park District is at a point where we have to do something really different and creative. Was very impressed with what LG did in Oak Park. Concerned that the vision expressed by DG is somewhat limited, a one-man shop. Although they will do an acceptable job.
 - Comm. Spaeth like the focus and passion of the DG presentation, but can see that the LG has a larger reach. But DG might be more appropriate for Elmhurst. Would like staff input on which firm to choose, because they are the ones who know all the issues best.
 - Director Rogers concerned that the DP leader, Todd, might not have enough backup; LG has a lot of expertise, including a civil engineer who is familiar with stormwater issues if necessary. DP did a great presentation about tracking performance and process; concerns about data collection & evaluation. In sum, Director Rogers cannot think of anything that DP brings to Elmhurst that LG doesn’t bring, but there are 4 or 5 things that LG brings that DP doesn’t have to offer. If he had a vote it would go to LG.

After further long discussion, a consensus to go forward with LG was reached. Then the financials discussed: LG estimated a total budget of \$1.3 million which can be negotiated based on scope of work and current efforts by the Park District. Director Rogers pointed out that the estimated amounts are high but not crazy; if an amount is not able to be agreed on with LG, they can go back to DP and re-open discussions with them. Next steps are to negotiate costs with LG and finally approve going ahead with LG in September.

2) A brief stormwater update given by Director Rogers. Golden Meadows: City and Park District both have lists of appraisers to employ; and the PD received plans from Burke Engineering for review. City Council approved the higher of the 2 alternatives for York Commons, but it works out not to be more costly because of an alternate route for the pipes.

b. New Business:

- * 1) 2016 Bobcat S650 T4 Skid-Steer Loader Purchase.....Approved
- * 2) Wilder Park Propagation House Vent RepairApproved
- * 3) Pioneer Park Drainage Improvements ProjectApproved
- * 4) Brochure Printing Bid FY2017-19.....Approved
- * 5) Second Quarter Financial ReportRemoved

10. COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Announcements

- * b. Future Agenda.....No Changes

11. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT.....10:21 p.m.

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<http://epd.org/park-board/board-meetings/board-meeting-august-22-2016>