

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
January 8, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at the Administrative Building, 375 W. First Street, Elmhurst, IL. Prior notice of the meeting was posted. The meeting was called to order by Board President Kubiesa at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioners Howard, Morissette-Moll, Kies, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ubriaco, and Kubiesa.

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** James W. Rogers, Executive Director  
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Parks & Facilities  
Dave Kenny, Director of Information Technology  
Cathy Medema, Director of Finance & Human Resources  
Cindy Szkolka, Director of Recreation  
Ginger Wade, Director of Marketing & Communications

**Visitors:** None

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Agenda item #12c was added to Closed Session “Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6) for the discussion of “the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.”

**REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Gateway - Szkolka**

- Set goal to begin online registration for the 2014 summer programs.
- Applying for an IDOT vehicle grant for participant transportation.
- Discussions continue on developing a medication dispensing policy.

**Elmhurst Art Museum - Ubriaco**

- Board member gave a SWOT analysis as the Museum begins the process of developing its strategic plan. Museum staff will contact Executive Director Rogers for resources.
- The Museum’s *Inventory* exhibit received positive remarks in the Chicago Tribune.

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Gateway – January 9, 2014  
Elmhurst Art Museum – January 15, 2014  
PEP – January 23, 2014  
Sugar Creek Golf Course – January 28, 2014  
Park/City/School – March 10, 2014

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Morissette-Moll made a motion for the Board to approve the Consent Agenda of January 8, 2014 and Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board was polled: Ayes: Commissioners Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ubriaco, Howard, Kies, and Kubiesa. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

It should be noted that the following items were approved on the Consent Agenda: Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2013 and Check Registers 12/13/13 - \$318,289.57, 12/20/13 - \$239,646.80, 12/27/13 - \$213,820.09, 01/03/14 - \$285,285.53.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD) –**

**Storm Water Management Discussion**

Board President Kubiesa opened the discussion of storm water management with the option to go into Closed Session if the Board should need to discuss the purchase or lease of certain property and/or pricing or valuation of property. Executive Director Rogers gave a slideshow presentation illustrating the land usage opportunity proposed in his position paper dated December 2, 2013 and revised on January 8, 2014 for the Berteau Street former hospital site. The Elmhurst City Council has shown interest in discussing the opportunities listed in the position paper and the School Board plans to discuss it on January 17, 2014.

The position paper proposes land swaps between the developer, City of Elmhurst, the School District, and the Park District, whereas after a developer purchases the Berteau property from the Hospital, the developer exchanges five to six acres on the site with the City in exchange for the City’s current 3+ acres adjacent to the Berteau parcel and financial considerations from the School and Park Districts thus providing for an opportunity for the developer to align its new development with the existing homes to the west. The City would then exchange those five to six acres to the Park District for six acres at Golden Meadows Park to be used for storm water retention relieving both the Pine Street and Geneva Avenue neighborhoods of flooding and eliminating the need to use East End Park for storm water detention. The Park District would then operate a soccer field and, potentially, garden plots, on the five to six acre Berteau site. In the future, the Park District would swap the five to six acre Berteau site with the School District for a mutually agreed upon comparable amount of open space owned elsewhere by the School District so that a new school could be built on the Berteau property “park” site to address the impact of the new Berteau site homes on the Elmhurst community.

Board consensus was that the position paper details a concept that is positive for all involved – developer, City, School District, Park District, and especially the community. Golden Meadows Park would be an ideal location for storm water retention as it is secluded, does not attract unnecessary attention, difficult to get to, and near railroad tracks, making it an ideal location for

storm water storage. Commissioner Howard made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt resolution R-01-14 authorizing the Executive Director to explore and negotiate and bring back for final approval any and all plans and or agreements that he derives with intergovernmental partners that are materially consistent of letter and spirit of the January 8, 2014 position paper and presentation. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board expressed the desire to vote on Commissioner Howard's resolution after further discussion in Closed Session on items pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 120/2(c)(5) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6) in order to further discuss financial aspects and property considerations. Therefore, Commissioner Spaeth made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners table resolution R-01-14 voting until after Closed Session. Commissioner Morissette-Moll seconded the motion. As there was no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioner Spaeth, Ubriaco, Kies, Morissette-Moll, and Kubiesa. Nays: Commissioner Howard, and Pelosi. Motion passed 5 to 2 to table Resolution R-01-14 for voting until after Closed Session.

**NEW BUSINESS –**  
None

**COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS –**  
**Announcements**

**Commissioner Kies**

- The employee holiday parties were wonderful.
- Consider visiting the Lizzadro Museum's Smithsonian exhibit of North American stones.

**Future Agenda**  
None

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Director of Information Technology – Kenny**

- Year-end upgrading of servers and firmware has been completed.

**Director of Recreation - Szkolka**

- Stephanie Fester has been hired as the new Program Manager of Athletics and Environmental programming.
- The Wagner Community Center has a new piano for lessons.

**Director of Finance & Human Resources – Medema**

- Auditors began preliminary field work for the 2013 Audit this week.

**Director of Marketing & Communications – Wade**

- Marketing worked with Facilities and Parks staff to develop a new trail guide listing distance measurements for several parks and walking trails. The guide will be available at District facilities and businesses in the community.

**Director of Parks & Facilities – Ferrentino**

- The District is in receipt of \$920,250 representing 50% of PARC grant proceeds for the Wilder Park Conservatory Project.

**Executive Director – Rogers**

- Mayor Morley will be giving the “State of the City” Mayoral address at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast at the Community Bank of Elmhurst on January 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Please let Nimfa or I know if you plan on attending.
- Wilder Mansion was awarded the 2013 Wedding Wire Bride’s Choice Award for the third year in a row. The award is selected based on client reviews and represented by businesses in the top 5% of wedding professionals nationwide.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made at 7:58 p.m. by Commissioner Ubriaco pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) for the discussion of “minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06 of the Act;” additionally pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) for the discussion of “the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired” and pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) for the discussion of “the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.” Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ubriaco, Kies, and Kubiesa. Nays: Commissioner Howard. Motion passed 6 to 1.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session at 8:21 p.m.

Board President Kubiesa stated that the Board met in Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) for the discussion of “minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06 of the Act” additionally, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) for the discussion of “the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired” and pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) for the discussion of “the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.” Final actions will be taken at this meeting on matters that have been discussed in closed session.

Commissioner Howard then repeated his motion (aforementioned seconded by Commissioner Kies) that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Resolution R-01-14 authorizing the Executive Director to explore, negotiate and bring back for final approval any and all plans and or agreements entered into between the Park District’s intergovernmental partners and the District which are consistent with the letter and spirit of the position paper document that was presented to the Park Board on January 8, 2014. Aforementioned, Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. As there was no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioner Pelosi, Spaeth, Ubriaco, Howard, Kies, Morissette-Moll, and Kubiesa. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ubriaco made a motion for the Park Board to approve the release of Closed Session minutes of July 9, 2012 and May 23, 2011 as the need for confidentiality no longer exists; and retain confidential status for Closed Session minutes of July 10, 2013, January 23, 2013, December 10, 2012, November 26, 2012, October 22, 2012, October 9, 2012, September 24, 2012, September 10, 2012, and August 13, 2012 as the need for confidentiality still exists. Commissioner Pelosi seconded the motion. As there was no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Howard, Kies, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ubriaco, and Kubiesa. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Spaeth made a motion for the Park Board to approve the destruction of verbatim recordings of Closed Session minutes of June 11, 2012, May 29, 2012, May 14, 2012, April 30, 2012, and March 12, 2012 as the minutes for these Closed Sessions have been released. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. As there was no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioner Kies, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ubriaco, Howard, and Kubiesa. Nays: none. Motion passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Spaeth moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. and Commissioner Ubriaco seconded the motion. The Board adjourned by voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office Board Room, 375 West First Street, Elmhurst, IL. Prior notice will be posted.

Note: Roll call voting will start with Commissioner Pelosi at the January 22, 2014 Park Board meeting.

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Colette Kubiesa, Board President

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Nimfa Melesio, Recording Secretary