

# MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 11, 2007

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, and published pursuant to notice duly given. President Kuhl presided over the Hearing.

Present: President Barbara Kuhl, Vice President Solon, Commissioners Newton Dodds, Alvin Griggs, and Joseph Petry, Treasurer Gary Wackerlin, and Attorney Guy Hall

Staff present: Bobbie Herakovich, Executive Director/Secretary, Joe DeLuce, Director of Recreation, and Jim Spencer, Director of Operations, Laura Auteberry, Marketing Manager, Terry Gibble, Park Planner

Other staff were present as well as members of the public.

President Kuhl reported that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive comments on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 07-08. She reported that the public hearing was advertised in *The News-Gazette* on July 2, 2007.

President Kuhl called for comments from the public. There were no public comments received.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griggs to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

## REGULAR MEETING

### Call to Order

President Kuhl called to order the Regular Board Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing, pursuant to notice duly given to all parties entitled thereto. President Kuhl presided over the meeting.

Upon roll call, the Commissioners, Officers and staff present at the Public Hearing were in attendance at the Regular Meeting as well as other staff members and members of the public.

### Comments from the Public

None

### Communications

President Kuhl circulated the correspondence.

### Treasurer's Report

#### Consideration of Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the Months of May 2007 and June 2007

Treasurer Wackerlin presented the Treasurer's Report for the months of May 2007 and June 2007. He stated that the Park District's finances have been reviewed and found to be in appropriate order.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petry to accept the Treasurer's Report for the months of May 2007 and June 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Executive Director's Report**

### Volunteer of the Month

Kevin Flint and Matt Ardell were chosen as volunteers of the month of June for their outstanding assistance during the Taste of Champaign. Paul Bady, Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator presented Mr. Flint with a Certificate of Appreciation, a restaurant gift certificate and a Park District carrying tote bag. Mr. Ardell was unable to attend the meeting.

### Other

Ms. Herakovich introduced two co-executive directors for the day, Karly Crapse and Malika Buchanen. She reported that the interns had spent the day shadowing her and would assist her in presenting her report.

Ms. Herakovich reported that the new staff customer service program has been implemented. A blue star award was given to the Landscape Supervisor, Dennis Shiley, for his crew's work with memorial trees.

Ms. Crapse reported that it has been a busy summer at the Park District but that Prairie Farm wins the prize for productivity. She stated that new births at Prairie Farm include a calf, llamas and foals.

Ms. Herakovich reported that she and Ms. Gible met with the Prairie Rivers Network to discuss the possible areas within parks for a demonstration rain garden. She stated that the Prairie Rivers Network members were given approximately six to seven different opportunities to review and will report back to staff at a later date.

Ms. Buchanen reported that on the table tonight is a list published by the Champaign Parks Foundation of accomplishments so far. She stated that donations received this month equaled \$3,000. Ms. Buchanen reported that the Foundation currently has \$83,381 in its account.

Ms. Herakovich reported that Treasurer Wackerlin and staff met to discuss fund transfers for previous and current donations. She stated that all donations except for the scholarship funds check off on registration forms will be directed to the Champaign Parks Foundation. Ms. Herakovich reported that they also recommend that all other donated funds be so transferred and that the Foundation set up an account with the Illinois Treasurer's Investment Pool.

Ms. Herakovich reported that she attended the annual TIF Review Board meeting. She reported that the Board discussed the financial health of the three TIF Districts in the City of Champaign. Ms. Herakovich stated that in all three TIF Districts assessed value has increased. She also updated the Board on preliminary discussions of two possible additional TIF Districts.

Ms. Herakovich reported that the French Fraker fountain has been completed. She will contact the Fraker Family to discuss a rededication ceremony.

Ms. Herakovich reported that former Finance Director Mike Seibold was in attendance to address any questions regarding the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. She stated that Mr. Seibold has been working several hours a week for the Park District. Ms. Herakovich reported that the Park District's accounting staff has been working extra hard this past week due to the audit, payroll and an unexpected audit of the child resource program by the state.

Ms. Herakovich reported that 29 applications were received for the Finance Director position. She stated that the interview committee will consist of Gary Wackerlin, Joe DeLuce, Gene Logas,

Champaign Unit IV Schools, and Barbara Ramsey, City of Champaign. Ms. Herakovich reported that applications will be narrowed down and interviews conducted next.

## **Report of Officers**

### Attorney's Report

Attorney Hall presented for Board approval Ordinance No. 518: An Ordinance Annexing Territory Pursuant to Petition (2302 Clearlake Boulevard) into the Park District.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Vice President Solon to adopt Ordinance No. 518, annexing territory into the Park District. The motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Petry abstaining.

### President's Report

President Kuhl presented former Finance Director Mike Seibold with a plaque for his dedication to the Park District and helping to make the Park District the best in the nation.

President Kuhl reported that she and Ms. Herakovich will be meeting with the City of Champaign's Mayor and City Manager tomorrow to discuss issues. She asked the Board to let her know if they have any issues that they would like her add to the list for discussion.

Commissioner Petry requested that Parkland Way be added to the City's agenda. Ms. Herakovich stated that discussion will be on setting the joint meeting agenda and future issues.

President Kuhl reported that the September 26<sup>th</sup> Study Session needs to be rescheduled, canceled, or combined with the regular board meeting. Ms. Herakovich stated that the same scheduling challenge exists with the December 26<sup>th</sup> Study Session.

Commissioner Petry suggested combining the September 26<sup>th</sup> Study Session with the regularly scheduled meeting in October. Commissioner Dodds stated that he would be out of town on that date.

There was consensus by the Board that the September 26<sup>th</sup> Study Session be combined with the regularly scheduled meeting in October.

## **Consent Agenda**

None

## **New Business**

### Consideration of Approval of List of Bills for June 2007

Staff requested Board approval of the list of bills for June 2007 for payment.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Petry, Ms. Herakovich responded that HDC Engineering was currently working on 3 to 4 Park District projects.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Vice President Solon to approve the list of bills for June 2007 for payment. The motion passed 5-0.

### Consideration of Approval of Ordinance No. 517: Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff recommends that the Board adopt Ordinance No. 517: Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY 07-08.

Commissioner Petry questioned the discrepancy between the total revenue amounts listed in the Certificate of Estimated Revenues and the total included in the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Mr. Seibold explained the difference was the amount of interfund transfers included in the Appropriation totals. It was also noted that there was a typographical error in the amount listed in the Appropriation Ordinance that was corrected.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petry to adopt Ordinance No. 517. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Petry – yes; Vice President Solon – yes; President Kuhl – yes; Commissioner Dodds - yes; and Commissioner Griggs – yes. The motion passed 5-0.

#### Consideration of a Resolution Appointing a Member to the Champaign Parks Foundation

Ms. Herakovich reported that there are currently two vacancies on the Champaign Parks Foundation Board. She stated that staff recommends approval of a Resolution appointing Judy Sehy to fill the unexpired term vacated by Sherryl Marsh as a Champaign Parks Foundation Board member.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve a Resolution appointing Judy Sehy to fill the unexpired term vacated by Sherryl Marsh. The motion passed 5-0.

#### Consideration of Approval of an Agreement with Mike Fredrick

Ms. Herakovich reported that an agreement is for an independent contract with Mike Fredrick to provide technical services at the Virginia Theatre. She stated that staff recommends that the Board approve the renewal of the agreement for an additional year with a 4% increase. Ms. Herakovich also reminded the Board that the Park District rents equipments from Mike Fredrick as well after soliciting quotes from other companies.

Commissioner Petry suggested for future reference that the increase given should reflect at most the cost of inflation which was not 4% this year. President Kuhl concurred. Ms. Herakovich responded that staff will consider Board comments for next year.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Vice-President Solon to approve the agreement between Mike Fredricks and the Park District for an additional year with a 4% increase. The motion passed 5-0.

#### Consideration of Approval Inducting Mark Johnson into the Olympic Tribute

Mr. DeLuce reported that a committee of local residents and staff recommend that the Board approve inducting Mark Johnson into the Tribute to Olympic Athletes at Dodds Park. He reported that the committee felt that Mr. Johnson meets the criteria for submission since he was selected to the USA Olympic Team and would have participated in the 1980 Olympics if the Olympic Games were not boycotted by the United States. He also has lived in Champaign County for more than 15 years, moved to Champaign County within five years after coaching the 1988 Olympic Wrestling Team in Seoul, South Korea and is an outstanding wrestling coach at the University of Illinois.

Vice-President Solon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dodds to approve inducting Mark Johnson into the Tribute to Olympics Athletes at Dodds Park. The motion passed 5-0.

#### Consideration of Approval of an Agreement with Kiwanis

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff recommends approval of an Agreement between Kiwanis Little League and the Park District for a period of one year, effective May 10, 2007, with an option to renew for an additional year.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Vice-President Solon to approve authorizing the Executive Director to execute the agreement with the Kiwanis Little League. The motion passed 5-0.

#### Authorization to Proceed with Design and Engineering for Johnston and Morrissey Trails

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff was requesting Board authorization to proceed with design and engineering services for Johnston and Morrissey trails with funding to come from the FY07-08 Capital Budget. She stated that if approved now, staff would solicit input from residents in September and let projects for bid in October.

Commissioner Petry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve authorizing staff to proceed with design and engineering for Johnston and Morrissey trails. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Discussion Items**

It was reported that Boeren Russo is moving forward with the West Side Park bandshell project. Ms. Herakovich thanked those who attended the Park Tour. She stated that the Champaign Parks Foundation Board is requesting an additional tour later in the year.

Mr. Herakovich reported that Mr. Spencer is working on getting the crack repaired on the sidewalk on the trail in Hessel Park that was brought to staff's attention by Vice-President Solon.

Ms. Herakovich reported that there was great attendance at the Boeren Russo picnic. She stated that there have been two articles in *The News-Gazette* as well as coverage by WCIA. Ms. Herakovich also reported that a landscape architectural firm has expressed interest in volunteering services.

#### C-U Days

Mr. DeLuce reported that the fashion show and the 3 on 3 basketball tournament have become problematic. He stated that staff met with various community members and groups to discuss positive changes to the C-U Days events. Mr. DeLuce reported that this year's version of C-U Days will be an old fashioned picnic in park. Mr. DeLuce reported that the focus will be on bringing families together for some great old fashioned games and activities. He stated that the event will be held on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. DeLuce reported that games will include sack races, eating contests, tug of war, relay races, softball games. He stated that entertainment will include local artist, Candy Foster and the Shades of Blue, Praise Teams from local churches, Gospel Groups and other local groups. Mr. DeLuce reported that people in the community feel that this is a community event and that it should be family friendly.

Discussion ensued. Terry Elmore, Douglass Park Manager, stated that the talent show planner and basketball tournament planner do not follow the Park District process, and this has been going on for several years. He reported that the last meeting with the talent show planner ended with the Douglass Park Facility Coordinator becoming ill and having to go home for the day. Staff requested Board authorization to eliminate the talent show and basketball tournament from C-U Days beginning this year.

President Kuhl suggested that the staff work with Ms. Linda Turnbull to offer an alternate date and location to hold the talent show.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petry to approve eliminating the fashion show and basketball tournament from the C-U Days event. The motion passed 5-0. The Board concurred that written notice of its decision should be sent.

### **Comments from Commissioners**

None

### **Closed Session**

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petry to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS, Par. 120(c)(21) for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by the Illinois Opens Meeting Act. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Petry – yes; Vice President Solon – yes; President Kuhl – yes; Commissioner Dodds – yes; and Commissioner Griggs – yes. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Return to Regular Meeting**

Following the adjournment of the Closed Session, the Board reconvened in open meeting.

### **Closed Session Item – Action**

#### Consideration of Approval Making Available for Public Viewing Closed Session Minutes

Commissioner Dodds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petry to approve releasing a portion of the minutes from the January 17, 2007 Closed Session Minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Petry made a motion, seconded by Vice President Solon to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved:

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Barbara J. Kuhl, President

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Secretary Pro Tem