

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 9, 2010**

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, pursuant to notice duly given. President Solon presided over the meeting.

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

Staff: Bobbie Herakovich, Executive Director/Secretary, Joe DeLuce, Director of Recreation, Jan Plotner, Director of Finance, Jim Spencer, Director of Operations, Laura Auteberry, Marketing and Development Director, Terri Gible, Park Planner, Tony Oligney-Estill, Special Events, and Cindy Harvey, Administrative Assistant.

**Call to Order**

President Solon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Comments from the Public**

Alice Novak, 601 W. Delaware, Urbana, Illinois, stated that she thinks the Park District should rehabilitate the existing marquee at the Virginia Theatre. She related her opinion about the availability of public rehabilitation funds for such projects. Ms. Novak stated that, "it's possible that things gain historical significance over time even if they are not original features of a building", which she believes this to be the case with regard to the marquee. Ms. Novak then compared her view as to the renovation of the lobby area.

Josh McNattin, soon to reside at 1500 Rose Drive, Champaign, addressed the Board about the marquee. He related his opinion about how the question regarding the marquee was initiated and addressed by public comments before the Board. His opinion is that the public has spoken; that they like the current marquee; and wish for the Park District to refurbish it.

President Solon asked if there was anyone else from the audience that wanted to address the Board. There were no additional comments from the audience.

**Communications**

President Solon circulated the communications.

**Treasurer's Report**

Consideration of Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the Month of May 2010

Treasurer Wackerlin presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 2010. He stated that the Park District's finances have been reviewed and found to be in appropriate order. Treasurer Wackerlin recommended Board approval of the report.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 5-0.

**Executive Director's Report**

Volunteer of the Month

Gabe Attansio, Volunteer of the Month, was unable to attend the meeting.

## Updates

Ms. Herakovich reported that the IPARC Bill for park and recreation construction is not out of the Legislative Rules Committee yet. She stated that staff will continue to monitor the bill for progress and keep the Board updated.

Ms. Herakovich reported that it was mentioned in *The News-Gazette* today about what is occurring in the Dobbins Downs area. She stated that although some of the area is within the Park District and City limits, most of it is not. Ms. Herakovich reported that there is a grassroots effort to have a playground established and maintained by a group of residents. She stated that the Park District's role is to typically lend its expertise to communities in surrounding areas when asked for help. Ms. Herakovich reported that staff would share its knowledge and materials but does not provide assistance with purchasing supplies or equipment. She stated that it is a Champaign County Board matter.

Ms. Herakovich reminded the Board that Taste of Champaign-Urbana will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, June 13, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ms. Herakovich reported that there have been minor repairs to Sholem Aquatic Center. She stated that thanks to dedicated Park District staff, the repairs have been made and the Aquatic Center is up and running.

Ms. Herakovich reminded the Board that a Joint Champaign and Urbana Board meeting concerning Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hays Recreation Center. She also reminded the Board about the Kaufman Lake pier ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for June 19, 2010 at 9 a.m. Ms. Herakovich reported that staff has been busy with preparations for upcoming events and programs. She stated that the parks and ball fields look great, and day camps are filled. Ms. Herakovich reported that the Park District is providing services for 30 children from the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club that it could not accommodate.

## **President's Report**

President Solon thanked staff for their efforts. She noted that the pool is open and the flower beds look great.

## **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Hall presented for Board approval Ordinance No. 548: An Ordinance Annexing Territory Pursuant to Petition (University of Illinois South Research Park) into the Champaign Park District.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 548. Vice President Griggs seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

## **Consent Agenda**

President Solon stated that Consent Agenda items were items that had been discussed at a Study Session meeting or were considered routine in nature. These items were:

1. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting, April 28, 2010
2. Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting, May 12, 2010
3. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, May 12, 2010
4. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting, May 12, 2010
5. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, May 26, 2010
6. Minutes of the Study Session Meeting, May 26, 2010
7. Awarding a Bid and authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract for Lindsay Tennis Court improvements to Stark Excavation in the amount of \$62,863.30
8. Approving and authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement between ESS Clean, Inc. and the Park District for cleaning services at the Tennis Center from September 1, 2010

- through May 15, 2011 in the amount of \$2,460/monthly and \$350/twice a year to wash courts
9. Approving and authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement between the Village of Savoy and the Park District for a one year period to jointly offer group fitness classes.

President Solon noted that minor corrections were made to the May 12, 2010 Annual Meeting minutes; May 12, 2010 Regular Board meeting minutes; May 26, 2010 Study Session Meeting minutes. The corrections were suggested by Commissioner Kuhl and were considered technical. Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the items including the technical corrections to the Minutes of the May 12, 2010 Annual and Regular meetings, and the May 26, 2010 meeting as noted on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 5-0.

## **Action Items**

### Consideration of the Virginia Theatre Marquee

President Solon thanked staff for answering numerous questions and preparing materials for the Board, and the Board members for their time seriously considering all the information it has received over the past two months regarding the marquee. She reported that staff is seeking direction for further research or permission to let for bid a selected unit for construction and installation.

President Solon asked the Board if there was a motion to proceed with one of the options for the marquee. Options include the current marquee or one of the proposed designed marquees.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to select an original style rectangular marquee, taking into account the lighting and advertising design to promote movies and events, and proceed with a rectangular shape using previously presented drawings #2 and #3 to include the word "Virginia" on the marquee. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 3-2, with President Solon and Commissioner Petry opposed.

### Consideration of Virginia Theatre Phase 2 Bid 1

President Solon reported that staff was seeking consideration of approval of a Change Order for the Virginia Theatre first floor lobby and/or second floor areas.

Ms. Herakovich reported that the Park District was in a fortunate position in that it has some additional donated funds that can be used upstairs at the Theatre. Ms. Herakovich solicited Board direction to allow staff to move forward, if the Board was interested in a change order to complete Project #1: plaster repair/restoration, paint, carpet, lighting and railing details, and Project #3: replace the second floor windows above the marquee. Ms. Herakovich reported that there is a local vendor who is discounting the actual price on the windows.

In response to a comment by Commissioner Kuhl, Ms. Herakovich responded that two projects could be selected as long as the amount does not exceed \$188,000.00. Attorney Hall indicated that the Board could approve a change order to complete Project #2 and #3 if it so desired. He reminded the Board of the proposed Resolution to approve such a change order.

Commissioner Kuhl expressed her opinion on the proposed project. She stated that she would favor completing Project #2: renovate the second floor restrooms to the level of the first floor unisex accessible restrooms and Project #3: replace the second floor windows above the marquee with aluminum fixed windows keeping the 12 pane per side detail and including wood trim and installation.

Commissioner Petry stated that he thinks that the work should be completed, but his only concern is with the process. He stated that he would prefer to see the work bid as opposed to using a change order. Commissioner Petry stated that the funds are public money and that caution should be used with change orders for the amount of money involved.

President Solon stated that the Park District should choose Projects #1 and #3 and allow the current contractor to complete the work because the prices are consistent with prior information and it will be very complicated if the Park District has two contractors working on the project at the same time. She stated that she would like to see the restroom work bid separately. President Solon noted that the prices proposed for the windows are a very fair price for the work to be undertaken.

Vice President Griggs commented that it is his understanding that the restroom work could be completed without closing the Theatre. President Solon commented that there still could be time to let bids for the restroom work and complete the work in the timeframe the Theatre is closed for renovations.

Commissioner Dodds stated that he has no problem with the proposed change order. He commented that the painting, decorating and carpet would be a continuation of the work of the contractor on the job. Commissioner Dodds also noted that the windows would be a continuation of the contractor's contract as well. He stated that he has no problem with bidding out the restroom work.

Commissioner Kuhl stated that the integrity of all of the work has to be at the level of which the refurbishment of the Virginia is meant to be. Although the Park District has some extra money and time, she does want to see the work completed in an inappropriate manner.

Further discussion ensued. Commissioner Petry stated that he is satisfied proceeding with Projects #1 and #3. However, he expressed his concern with Project #2.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to approve proceeding with the second floor lobby and window renovations, and bidding out the upstairs bathroom work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuhl. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Herakovich noted that the rule for the change order being used is that the Park District cannot exceed 50% of the original bid. The Park District can complete any combination of the work described that does not exceed \$297,850. She reported that the resolution applies to the proposed work and cannot exceed \$188,000.00. Ms. Herakovich recommended Board approval of the resolution prepared by Attorney Hall.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to approve the resolution for the change order in an amount not to exceed \$188,000.00. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 5-0.

#### Authorization to Apply for an OSLAD Development Grant for Robert C. Porter Family Park

President Solon reported that staff is seeking authorization to apply for an OSLAD development grant to assist in the development of Phase II of Robert C. Porter Family Park.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to approve authorization to apply for an OSLAD development grant to assist in the development of Phase II of Robert C. Porter Family Park. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Herakovich reported that staff will bring back to the Board a request regarding Boulder Ridge Park to add funds to the capital plan in order to remain in State compliance.

### **New Business**

#### Consideration of Approval of List of Bills for May 2010

President Solon reported that staff recommended approval of the lists of bills for May 2010 for payment.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the list of bills for May 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 5-0.

Consideration of Approval of Ordinance No. 549: Prevailing Wage

President Solon reported that State law require local governments to annually adopt an ordinance listing the prevailing wages for the Park District and that staff recommends that the Board adopt Ordinance No. 549 declaring the prevailing wage rates for the ensuing year to be the same as those fixed for Champaign County by the Illinois Department of Labor.

Commissioner Petry made a motion to approve adopting Ordinance No. 549: Prevailing Wage Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodds. The motion passed 5-0.

Consideration of Approval Setting a Public Hearing on the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

President Solon reported that staff recommends that the Board set a Public Hearing on the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center to receive public comments. Ordinance No. 550, the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, is available at the Bresnan Meeting Center for public review.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to set a Public Hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for July 14, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center. The motion was seconded Vice President Griggs. The Motion passed 5-0.

Consideration of Approval of an Agreement between the City of Champaign and the Champaign Park District for the Community Matters Program

President Solon reported that staff recommended that the Board approve the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Champaign and the Park District for the Community Matters Program. The Park District will be responsible for offering Summer Day Camp, Lighted School House for the Gardens Hills program, and the ArtsMatters and SportsMatters programs for Garden Hills and Douglass youth. The term of the agreement is from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Champaign and the Park District as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 5-0.

**Old Business**

None

**Discussion Items**

None

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Dodds made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Griggs. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved:

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Jane Solon, President

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Guy C. Hall, Secretary pro tem