

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

**July 14, 2010**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Road, Champaign, Illinois, and published pursuant to notice duly given. President Solon presided over the Hearing.

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

Absent: Commissioner Alvin Griggs

Staff present: Jan Plotner, Director of Finance, Jim Spencer, Director of Operations, Laura Auteberry, Marketing & Development Director, Terri Gible, Park Planner, Tony Oligney-Estill, Special Events Manager, and Cindy Harvey, Administrative Assistant

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

**Appointment of Secretary Pro Tem**

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Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to appoint Guy Hall as Secretary pro tem. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry to appoint Guy Hall as Secretary pro tem. The motion passed 4-0.

**Open the Public Hearing**

President Solon opened the Public Hearing. She reported that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive comments on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 10-11. She reported that the public hearing was advertised in *The News-Gazette* on July 5, 2010.

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

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

**REGULAR MEETING  
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**Call to Order**

President Solon called to order the Regular Board Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing, which commenced at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given to all parties entitled thereto. President Solon presided over the meeting.

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**Comments from the Public**

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

**Communications**

President Solon circulated the correspondence.

**Presentation**

Public Art League

Eric Robeson, member of the Public Art League Board of Directors, addressed the Board about the Public Art League. David Wilcoxon and David Raila, members of the Public Art League Board of Directors, also introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Robeson reported that the Public Art League is a newly formed 501(c)3 organization that essentially started up because a group of citizens interested in seeing more public art on display in the area. He stated that the League's initial plans are to locate sculptures. Mr. Robeson reported that one of the models for the Public Art League is the art program in Grand Junction, Colorado. Mr. Robeson reported that the program is a leasing program and that the League has started the process. He stated that the League hopes to work with the City of Champaign and the Park District to find sites to place the sculptures. Mr. Robeson reported that the first call for artists has attracted approximately 49 artist contacts and that a deadline of Friday, July 16, 2010 has been set. The art will be evaluated by a panel of judges.

Mr. Wilcoxon reported that an agreement between the Park District and Public Art League (PAL) which provides that the League would act as the agent to find artists has been drafted and provided to Park District staff for review and comment.

Mr. Robeson reported that the Public Art League is a membership organization and it plans to fundraise and solicit sponsorships. Brochures were distributed to the Board and staff. He further stated that the League plans to unveil the program at the Downtown Festival of the Arts.

In response to a question by Commissioner Dodds about the design criteria or parameters for the art, Mr. Raila responded that criteria specify no erotic type art.

The Board thanked the League Directors for their presentation. President Solon stated that the Board looked forward to reviewing the proposed agreement and addressing art in the community.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### Consideration of Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for the Month of June, 2010

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

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

## **Executive Director's Report**

### Introductions of Interns

Ms. Plotner reported that each year the Park District hires summer interns and that this year it has 10 interns. The following interns introduced themselves to the Board: Jessica Brutti, Eastern Illinois University, interning with Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation; Gregory Alex and Osric Hayes, University of Illinois, interning at the Douglass Community Center; Ronak Patel and Jennifer Solava, University of Illinois, interning in Special Events; Alex Spencer, University of Illinois, interning in the Sports Division; and Alex Kewney, University of Illinois, interning in the Human Resources.

Mr. Oligney-Estill reported that Park District has a total of 10 interns, the largest group of interns the Park District has ever had at one time. He reported that the three interns unable to attend the meeting are Kate Yeazel, Illinois State University, interning in Special Events; Jimmy Gleason, University of Illinois, interning in the Sports Division; and Angelica Olstead, University of Illinois, interning in Cultural Arts.

### Volunteer of the Month

Mailyynn Cleveland was chosen as Volunteer of the Month of July. Mr. Oligney-Estill reported that Ms. Cleveland wrote, produced, and directed a play by the Douglass Seniors at the Douglass Center. The play was entitled "From the Bidder's Box to the White House." She was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a bag of goodies.

Ms. Cleveland thanked her supporters in the audience which included some of the cast members of the play. She thanked Barb McGee, Douglass Senior Coordinator, for submitting her name for Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Cleveland stated that the play was successful and showcased Black accomplishments. She reported that the Douglass Seniors plan to offer additional plays in the future. Ms. Cleveland thanked the Board for the award.

Mr. Oligney-Estill recognized Gabe Attansio, Volunteer of the Month, for June. Mr. Attansio was chosen for his volunteer efforts as a soccer coach.

### Recognition by Mental Health Center of Champaign County

Ms. Plotner presented the Board with a plaque that the Park District received from the Mental Health Center of Champaign County for continued support of its programs.

### Update on Taste of Champaign

Ms. Plotner reported that this year's Taste of Champaign had its worst financial year since 1998. She stated that gross receipts were approximately \$85,000. Ms. Plotner reported that revenue was about \$5,000 lower than estimated actual expenses, and expenses were down from prior year partially due to only using one stage at the event. She stated that staff will have to work on alternative funding for scholarships. Additionally, there may need to be some fund transfers.

### Centennial Projects

Ms. Plotner reported that staff is working on questions and possible scenarios raised by the Board, and will continue discussions about Centennial projects and goal setting at the Study Session meeting on July 28, 2010.

## **Report of Officers**

### Attorney's Report

Attorney Hall presented for Board approval Ordinance No. 551: An Ordinance Annexing Territory Pursuant to Petition (4912 West Windsor Road) into the Champaign Park District.

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 551. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### President's Report

None

## **Consent Agenda**

President Solon stated that Consent Agenda items were items that were considered routine in nature and could be passed as a group by a single motion. The item was:

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 9, 2010

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

## **Action Items**

### Consideration of Approval of Ordinance No. 550: Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

President Solon reported that staff recommended that the Board adopt Ordinance No. 550, the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY 10-11.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 550: Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Kuhl – yes; Commissioner Dodds – yes; Commissioner Petry – yes; and President Solon – yes. The motion passed 4-0.

### Consideration of Approval of the Proposed FY 10-2011 Annual Budget

President Solon reported that staff recommended approval of the proposed FY 10-11 Annual Budget in the amount of \$15,222,320, adding \$130,000 of Museum Funds for the marquee together with the Champaign Parks Foundation funding already designated for the marquee.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the FY 10-11 Annual Budget in the amount of \$15,222,320. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

## **New Business**

### Consideration of Approval of the List of Bills for June, 2010

President Solon reported that staff recommended approval of the list of bills for June, 2010 for payment.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the list of bills for June, 2010 for payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

### Consideration of Approval of a Bid for Asphalt Patching, Crack Filling Seal Coating and Line Striping

President Solon reported that staff recommended reducing the contract amount by \$6,126.59 to stay within the allocated fund amount by delaying the project at Dodds Park Softball 4-Plex Northwest Parking Lot until next fiscal year and awarding the bid and authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract for the purpose of asphalt seal coating and line striping at various parking lots and sport courts to the low bidder, Dunn Company of Decatur, IL for a total of \$39,922.36.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to reduce the contract amount by \$6,126.59 by delaying the project at Dodds Park Softball 4-Plex Northwest parking lot and awarding the bid and authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract for the purpose of asphalt seal coating and line striping various parking lots and sport courts to the low bidder, Dunn Company of Decatur, IL for a total of \$39,922.36. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Petry made a motion to reconsider and amend the previous motion to award the bid including all projects and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for the purpose of seal coating and line striping various parking lots and sports courts to the low bidder, Dunn Company of Decatur, IL for a total amount of \$46,048.95. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodds. The motion passed 4-0.

### Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Regarding Disposal of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Meetings

President Solon reported that staff recommended approval of the proposed Resolution regarding disposal of audio or video recordings of Closed Session meetings as listed in the Resolution in Section 1.

Commissioner Dodds made a motion to approve the resolution regarding disposal of audio or video recordings of Closed Session meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuhl. The motion passed 4-0.

### Consideration of Approval of the Recommendations for the Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation (CUSR) Advisory Committee Appointments

President Solon reported that staff recommended approval and ratification of the reappointment of Lynda Holman, Sue Keller, and Lori Hansen for two year terms to serve on the CUSR Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Kuhl made a motion to approve and ratify the reappointment of Lynda Holman, Sue Keller, and Lori Hansen for two year terms to serve on the CUSR Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodds. The motion passed 4-0.

## **Old Business**

None

## **Discussion Items**

### Consideration of a Request from Unit 4 School District for a License Agreement for Garden Hills Park

This item was removed from the agenda. Unit 4 School District withdrew its request for a license agreement for Garden Hills Park.

## **Comments from Commissioners**

Commissioner Kuhl reported that Joe DeLuce, Director of Recreation, and she attended a meeting called by Jill Guth. She stated that the committee is trying to combine the Downtown Merchants organization and the Campus Merchants organization. Commissioner Kuhl stated that the City of Champaign has agreed to fund the efforts by contributing \$150,000. She thinks this is a good step and supports combining the two organizations. Commissioner Kuhl stated that she thinks it will be beneficial to the development of a cultural arts district. She stated that she will not be part of this committee and that either Joe DeLuce or Bobbie Herakovich should represent the Park District.

## **Closed Session**

Commissioner Petry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dodds to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2(c)(21) for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purpose of approval by body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Commissioner Petry – yes; Vice President Solon – yes; President Kuhl – yes; and Commissioner Dodds – yes. The motion passed 4-0.

## **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 Petry made a motion to approve releasing a portion and/or entire minutes from Closed Session meetings on May 27, 2009 (partial); July 2, 2009; July 8, 2009; November 12, 2009; January 13, 2010; April 14, 2010 (partial); and April 28, 2010 (partial) for public viewing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodds. The motion passed 4-0.

## **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 Commissioner Petry. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved:

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Jane L. Solon, President

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Guy C. Hall, Secretary pro tem