



PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

**Park District of Oak Park
Annual Park Board Retreat
Cheney Mansion
220 N. Euclid, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, June 15, 2021**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Lentz, Wick, Wollmuth, Worley-Hood, and President Porreca.

Park District Staff Present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Mitch Bowlin, Director of Finance; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Special Facilities; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning; Kayla Lindgren, Program and Operations Manager; Greg Stopka, Strategy and Innovation Manager; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Jill Allread, PCI consulting.

II. Public Comment – None

III. 2022-2023 Strategy Plan Update

The Board discussed the presented 2022-2024 Strategic Plan draft including the following points for the plan: Organizational Excellence, Financially Strong, Staff Excellence, Community and Customer Focused. The Board also discussed the Park District Values including the Community Engagement, Responsible Leadership, Integrity, Innovation, Sustainability, and the newest value, Inclusivity. The Board felt the newest value was very important and felt the language really was well intended.

IV. 2022 Budget Guidance

The Board was apprised of the staff's recommendation to capture the full CPI and new growth, 2.9%; the CPI limit for the tax levy is 1.4%, and the most recent CPI figures for 12 months were 4.2% and there is a 12 month gap between when inflation figures are released which affects the District's tax levy. Due to COVID-19, there is a large difference between CPI for the tax levy and the current market pressures the District is under. Along with the current CIP, there are major capital needs down the line in future CIP's the District should start saving for: minimum wage increases, wages for part-time and seasonal staff being accelerated due to market demand, as well as additional scholarships which are needed; are all mitigating factors in the staff's recommendation. The Board had a discussion on the timeline to meet the District's 50/50 goal.

V. 2022-2026 CIP Review

Jan and Mitch gave an overview of the CIP for the next five years and ran through the parks that had plans for updates and improvements including: Andersen Park, Field Park and Center, Cheney Mansion, Dole Center, Longfellow Park and Center, Pleasant Home, Rehm Pool, Oak Park Conservatory, Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex, Community Recreation Center, Taylor Park, and non-site specific updates. The Board had discussions about the master plans and community master plan meetings. The Board also asked for a pools discussion to be put on a future Board Meeting.

VI. Review 2021 Board Goals

The Board discussed their goals for 2021: to look for cost savings, increase partnerships with not-for-profits and governmental entities, and to increase engagement with black and brown residents and social

equity initiatives. Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the current Strategic Plan and how those goals are all operational and have been moving forward with staff meeting the strategic goals.

VII. Establish 2022 Board Goals

Executive Director Arnold and the Board discussed how the Board's goals are in align with the Strategic Plan and that there does not need to be separate Board goals.

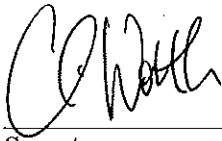
VIII. Public Communication - CRC

Jill Allread, PCI, met with the Board to discuss talking points for the CRC as we move forward into the public fundraising part of the CRC campaign including that the Board should all be consistent with the message they are saying to residents as they are out-and-about town and that President Porreca and Executive Director Arnold are the spokespersons for the District regarding the CRC.

IX. New Business – None

X. Adjourn

At 5:09pm the meeting adjourned.



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Board of Park Commissioners

July 29, 2021

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