



Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, October 7, 2021

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

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; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent Parks and Planning; Greg Stopka, Strategy & Innovation Manager; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: None.

II. Public Comment: None.

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee - None

IV. Parks and Planning Committee - None

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Parameters Ordinance

The Board was provided with the parameters ordinance that the PDOP was going out for capital improvements not to exceed \$6 million. Staff shared savings of approximately \$3 million by refunding the 2011, 2012, and 2013 bonds. The new debt will only extend the District’s debt schedule by two years. Current interest rates are very low and the PDOP has been quoted a coupon rate of 3.5%; this sale will not increase taxes with the principal interest rate being paid from the Recreation Fund. The Board discussed the timing, sale, and the savings from the refunded bonds and noted that they are proud of the District’s fiscal responsibility. **This item will be brought to the Board at the October Regular Board Meeting for approval under the regular agenda.**

B. 2022-2024 Strategic Plan

Greg Stopka, Manager of Strategy & Innovation, walked the Board through the 2022-2024 proposed Strategic Plan including the steps they went through to get input not only with the Board but with staff, focus groups, and committees for the final plan being presented. The District’s goals are all tied to the strategic initiatives. The Board discussed details in the plan regarding programming, marketing, the pushing of goals vs reaching them, attaining of the 50/50 goal, and asked if it was possible to put earlier years numbers in the plans so they had more information for comparison. The Board thanked the team for the comprehensive strategic plan and commended the team for making the goals smart goals. **This will come before the Board at the October Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

C. Quarterly Performance Measures

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that we started quarterly performance measures seven years ago, measuring how we have been performing. Greg Stopka presented to the Board the PDOP's dashboards and Mpower information including our overall goal performance year-to-date, household participation, scholarship usage, age participation, and the new website. **No Board approval is needed on this item.**

D. Stevenson Park Master Plan Review Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that Altamanu would be hosting a Zoom Master Plan Meeting on October 20, for the Stevenson Park Master Plan. This will include the basketball courts and the skate park. The meeting has been marketed via social media and on our website. **No Board approval is needed on this item.**

E. IAPD Legal Symposium Update

The Board was reminded of the upcoming IAPD Legal Symposium scheduled on November 4, 2021. Two Board members and staff will be attending. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

F. Park District Citizen Committee Application

The Board was informed that Aaron Stigger had expressed interest in becoming a member of our Park District Citizen Committee. He grew up in Oak Park and is an avid user of our parks and he and his family live near Barrie Park. He has attended a meeting and is looking forward to being a part of the committee. **This item will be brought to the Board at the October Regular Board Meeting for approval under the consent agenda.**

G. 2022 Committee and Board Meeting Calendar

The Board were given the dates chosen for the 2022 Board Meetings and confirmed the meeting dates against religious holidays and any conflicts. The Board stated they preferred the Board Retreat to take place in June rather than July. **This will come before the Board on the consent agenda at a Regular Board Meeting.**

H. Budget Meetings Update

The Board was reminded of the upcoming Budget Meeting scheduled on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Once the meeting is completed, the Budget will be made available for the public for 30 days. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

I. Mandated Vaccine Discussion

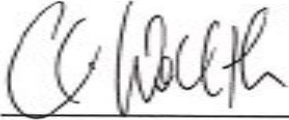
The Board was given a draft policy for mandated staff vaccines and testing. They were informed of the two Village entities that were requiring every member of their staff to be vaccinated and two other Village entities that were looking to pass policies like the one being discussed with mandated tests. The Board had a discussion on how many times a week the test should be given, how many staff would require testing, and costs to the district. The Board all agreed that this was needed as we provide services to the residents of Oak Park and must provide safe programs. **This item will be brought to the Board at the October Regular Board Meeting for approval under the consent agenda.**

VI. New Business - None

VII. Closed Session - None

VIII. Adjournment

At 9:06p.m.a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners



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