



**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
Thursday, April 7, 2022**

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; Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Special Facilities; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; and Patti Staley, Director of Horticulture & Conservatory Operations.

Others Present: Kevin Brown, Sara Brown and Reanne Spencer from Pleasant Home Foundation; Sue Boyer from Friends of Oak Park Conservatory; and Greg Johnson from School District 200.

II. Public Comment – None

III. IV. Parks and Planning Committee

1. Annual Pleasant Home Foundation Update

Reanne Spencer, Board President, thanked the Park Board for their ongoing support and introduced Sara Brown, PHF Executive Director and Kevin Brown, Marketing and Communications Director who provided a presentation. They were both hired in 2021. Shared their accomplishments from 2021 including the return of Silent Movies, Open House Chicago, and holiday events. Shared the launch of branded merchandise and their new online store. Their 2022 annual appeal will focus on a lighting project and pool table restoration. They also are launching The George Maher Society with much interest from surrounding communities. Monthly themed events will take place. They thanked the Park Board for the installation of geothermal at Pleasant Home and the staff they work with (Susan, Chris and Jan) for their support. The Park Board Members were very appreciative of their efforts and excited about the future for the Foundation and Pleasant Home. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

2. Annual of Friends of Oak Park Conservatory Update

Sue Boyer, Board President, shared information on the 2021 happenings at the Conservatory to include an increase in memberships, strong annual donation and participation in online educational offerings. She thanked the Conservatory staff for all their help with the plant sale and shared the 2022 ordering is now open for members. They have made improvements to their website and 2021 saw a return of tour. In 2021, was denoted the Year of the Butterfly, which was wildly successful. In 2022, the demand for tours are increasing. However, FOPCON has a shortage on docents. They are actively recruiting volunteers, but have had some turnover with their Volunteer Coordinator position. The CTA blue line signage discussion is still on the table, but moving slowly. She thanked Patti and the Conservatory staff for their support. The Park Board Members were very appreciative of their efforts and offerings to benefit the community and Conservatory. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

IV. Administration and Finance Committee

1. MOU Shared Facilities with D200 Discussion

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board of the staff discussions that had occurred between PDOP and D200 to look for a community solution for D200's need for a track. Staff are seeking board support to enter into a MOU to explore sharing RCRC with OPRFHS Softball in exchange for facility improvements

funded by D200 and PDOP access to OPRFHS space to support Park District affiliates and programs. The Board asked questions related to timing, communication with groups and community, seating, and storage. Greg Johnson, Superintendent of D200, was in attendance and addressed questions, but also shared that much of this information is yet to be determined and would be solidified through an IGA. The D200 Board will be reviewing the MOU at their meeting on April 14. The Board shared their support for collaboration and they look forward to getting additional information. **This will be brought to the Board for approval on the regular agenda at April 21, Regular Board Meeting.**

2. Park District of Oak Park 110th Birthday Update

The Board was reminded that April 8, 2022 will be the Park District's 110th birthday. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

V. Recreation Committee

1. Resident ID for Facility Access Discussion

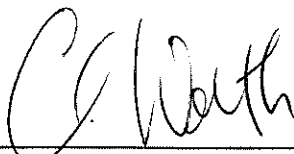
Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board that when the CRC opens all users will need to have an ID card for access including: Residents will need an ID card for free walking track access; 6-12th graders will need an ID card (physical or on smart phone) to gain access from 3-6pm; Fitness Members will need an ID card for the fitness center; Open Gym users will need an access card for the gym; and non-residents will need identification to access the facility beyond the check-in desk. She shared that Amilia has an ID option that can be access on phone or physical card. This is the same card that is currently being used for pool and rink passes. Staff are working on the logistics to require ID cards at not only the CRC but also RCRC, GRC and the Conservatory. The cards will allow staff to better track usage level, but will also provide us with information of who is in our building for safety purposes. Staff are still working on specifics, but would like to begin the rollout of this new procedure Sept 1, 2022. The Board asked questions regarding use, communication to residents, and also how to best ensure that all users are treated equally. Staff will continue to gather information and provide the Board with an update in June. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business – None

VII. Closed Session – None

VIII. Adjournment

At 9:10p.m. Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded the adjournment of the Committee of the Whole meeting. **Motion carried in a roll call vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

May 19, 2022
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