



PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

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Committee of the Whole Meeting
John Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Thursday, September 7, 2023

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 of Parks & Planning; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; and Edith Wood, Executive Assistant.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

III. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Community Service Award Nomination Update – Executive Director Arnold informed the Board that four individuals have been nominated for the Community Service Award. The Board agreed on the nominations. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**
- B. Elected Officials BBQ Update – Executive Director Arnold noted that the Elected Officials BBQ is scheduled for September 13, 2023. Currently there are roughly 40 people that have RSVP'd for the event. Sweet Baby Ray's will be catering for the event. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**
- C. Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) Application – Ambria Jones – Executive Director Arnold noted that the ESAC acts as a liaison between the Park District and the community, helping implement the Park District's Environmental and Sustainability Policies as well as identifying and exploring sustainability issues and environmental initiatives. The ESAC currently has seven of the eight spots filled and is actively searching for new committee members. Ambria Jones, resident of Oak Park, has expressed interest and submitted a committee interest application. Ambria has lived in Oak Park all her life, and lives closest to the CRC, Longfellow Park, and Stevenson Park. Ambria also has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Biology, and is excited for the opportunity to give back to the community. **This item will be brought before the Board on the Consent Agenda at the September Regular Board Meeting.**
- D. Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee Application – Meghan Strubel – Executive Director Arnold noted that the ESAC acts as a liaison between the Park District and the community, helping implement the Park District's Environmental and Sustainability Policies as well as identifying and exploring sustainability issues and environmental initiatives. The ESAC currently has seven of the eight spots filled and is actively searching for new committee members. Meghan Strubel, resident of

Oak Park, has expressed interest and submitted a committee interest application. Meghan is currently involved with the Fair Oak Presbyterian Church, book groups, and tutoring programs. Meghan lives closest to RCRC and Stevenson Park. Meghan is looking forward to advocating for the Park District and for environmental sustainability. **This item will be brought before the Board on the Consent Agenda at the September Regular Board Meeting.**

IV. PARKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – None

V. RECREATION AND FACILITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

VII. CLOSED SESSION – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:34pm, the Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned. **The motion was passed by a voice vote of 5:0.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners



President
Board of Park Commissioners

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