OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD OF THE WHOLE OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, AT 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA IL

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant, Steve Montez, Ron Silver, Mark Slover, Vice President Reagan Leslie Hill, and President Robert Johnson

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Alexander Sierra

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brianna Cobb, Nick Conrad, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Scott Loftus, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Willie Howe, Attorneys Kevin Day and Justin Gunn, and Alicia Woodworth.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 5:14 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No request to attend meeting electronically was received.

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2025 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Trustee Silver MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the October 8, 2025 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

5. POLICY/PROCESS UPDATES

None at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Capital Improvement Plan Discussion

Executive Director Cahill presented an overview of the District's annual requirement to develop a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). She explained that, during this year's planning process, staff encountered challenges using the traditional spreadsheet format to accurately reflect the significant capital pressures facing the District over the next eight to ten years. The current CIP framework illustrates anticipated obligations and tentatively allocates general obligation bond proceeds and other funding sources, but does not adequately communicate the scope or complexity of decisions ahead.

She noted that several major variables—such as the launch of the Zoo capital campaign, the sale of Alternate Revenue Bonds, and an evolving landscape of grant opportunities—necessitate a planning tool with more depth, flexibility, and strategic clarity. Staff therefore requested to postpone publication of this year's CIP until additional research can be

completed on best-practice models to better illustrate long-term capital needs, funding strategies, and decision-making frameworks.

Executive Director Cahill highlighted multiple significant capital needs already identified in the 2025–2027 Strategic Plan, including Owens Recreation Center, Peoria Zoo, and Golf, along with future investments related to Mossville Soccer Complex, the RiverPlex AquaPlex foundation settlement, end-of-life exhibitry replacement at the Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum, and the Glen Oak Amphitheatre. She emphasized the importance of developing a more sophisticated, transparent method for forecasting capital needs to support operational sustainability and improve communication with the Board and community.

Following discussion, no action or directive was given at this time.

6.B. Aquatics 2026 Budget Discussion

Scott Loftus presented the proposed 2026 open swim schedule, sharing that staff had reviewed current usage patterns and operational needs as part of the 2026 budget process. He explained that several adjustments were being recommended to increase access for families—particularly those with limited weekday availability—while maintaining service levels at Proctor and Gwynn consistent with 2025.

Key proposed changes include:
RiverPlex (Summer):
- Eliminating Monday 12:00–4:00 PM open swim
- Adding Friday evening swim from 4:00–7:00 PM to provide more family-friendly access
- Extending Saturday swim by two hours (11:00 AM–4:00 PM)

Gwynn Family Aquatic Center:
Open swim remains Monday–Thursday, 12:00–5:00 PM, with Friday reserved for camps and Saturday open swim from 12:00–5:00 PM.

Proctor Center:
Continues Monday–Friday, 12:00–4:00 PM, with swim lessons offered from 4:00–5:00 PM.

Executive Director Cahill added context regarding lifeguard staffing levels and state labor requirements, noting that keeping Sundays free from regular open swim has historically been essential to comply with the "one-day-rest-in-seven" requirement for staff, especially given the District's limited surplus lifeguard capacity. She emphasized that adding Sunday hours must be done in a way that remains compliant and operationally feasible.

A discussion followed regarding community desires, weekend usage patterns, and the need to provide consistent swim opportunities across the system. Trustees and staff reviewed the proposed schedule and explored whether limited Sunday hours could meet community needs while honoring staffing and labor constraints.

After discussion, consensus was reached that a modified Sunday schedule would be appropriate. The Committee agreed to offer Sunday open swim from 1:00–4:00 PM, ensuring at least one pool is open each day of the week while maintaining compliance with

staffing requirements. This adjustment will be incorporated into the proposed 2026 schedule shared during the budget process.

7. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

10. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:01 PM, Trustee Slover MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried unanimously on voice vote.

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Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary