

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS AT 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA IL

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Joyce Harant, Reagan Leslie Hill (in at 6:04 pm), Steve Montez, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Laurie Covington, and President Robert Johnson.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Attorney William Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Mike Friberg, Todd Green, Scott Loftus, Mary Harden, Officer Frank Merrill, Christina Mitchell, Brittany Moldenhauer, Brenda O’Russa, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Kristi Shoemaker, Nyk Sutter-Downs (v), Greg Walker, and Alicia Woodworth.

Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

OTHERS PRESENT: Kenny Delaney of Corn Stock Theatre and several representatives and pups from Woof Therapy Dogs

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No request to attend meeting electronically was received.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Note: President Johnson stepped away from the Board meeting at 6:15 pm, returning at 6:28 pm and therefore, did not vote upon these minutes. During the time of his absence, Vice President Covington presided over the meeting.

Trustee Montez MOVED TO APPROVE the November 1, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, and Vice President Covington. (Results: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays).

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cahill thanked everyone that has attended the Winter Wonderland and Luthy Lights activities at Glen Oak Park. Given the somewhat inclement weather, it was a well-attended first weekend. She encourages everyone to continue to be a part of those experiences all throughout the park.

Executive Director Cahill stated that attached to tonight’s agenda is a draft copy of the Strategic Planning Goal Setting for 2024. There is a lot of information included and staff asks the Board to

have a conversation about this document at the January 10, 2024 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting. This document is only the overview. There are secondary sheets that have not yet been completed because staff wants to make sure the Board is comfortable with this road map strategy overview across the three commitment documents. Staff would like to finalize this in January so that we all have a full year to work on these goals and action steps. Trustee Bertschy stated that he spent much time reading and reviewing the overview document. Will the Board participate in the discussion of building out the goals and action steps in January or will staff recommend them? Executive Director Cahill stated that when this process and conversation started at the Board level, it was that it would go to committees and committees would help to drive those strategies. However, in practice, that didn't work very well. This is staff's best effort at goals and strategies which is why she is asking the Board to please spend time reviewing the document. Once the Board agrees that this is the direction it would like to focus on, then staff will work to build out those action steps and where the responsible party is a committee, staff would come to those committees to affirm. Staff would develop a draft and have the Board weigh in on that process so that everybody is clear what the expectations were for 2024.

Trustee Bertschy stated that as the Board sees a long-range plan, this somewhat of an intermediate, one-year plan, correct? Emily Cahill stated yes. As staff looked at this, prior to COVID, there was a three-year strategic plan that ended about the time that COVID began. The District is not back to whatever normal is going to be, there's still enough fluctuation as we know what's coming with the economy and some of the conversations we've had about replacement tax revenues, that with the Board's authorization, staff feels comfortable for the next year or so to do this one year at a time. The commitment documents and pillars were just put in place and staff would like to work that process with the Board for a while and see how the District evolves as an organization with them. Then, have a conversation at the end of 2024, early 2025, about the formal strategic plan process again. Trustee Bertschy stated that he's comfortable with that concept but ultimately, he thinks a year from now, we need to get to the point where the Board can discuss things that go beyond a year.

Trustee Bertschy stated that in building off the term reimagination, his remarks concentrate on the imagination of himself and his fellow board members, as to what they can do to build the Park District in the future. There just needs to be time to have that conversation.

Trustee Montez stated that under the 3rd of July event area, it talks about marketing and programming. However, he doesn't see marketing mentioned very often in the document. As such, what role does marketing play in this strategy? Emily Cahill stated that anytime you see the leadership team, and advancement that includes marketing. In this specific 3rd of July event, it is developing a checklist to make sure the District is communicating the expectations for an event and how the District connects one event to the next, so that people know what the consistent product is. Marketing is a part of everything the district does and essential to nearly everything that happens.

Trustee Montez asked that shouldn't marketing be involved a bit more often in some of the other areas rather than just that one specific one? Executive Director Cahill replied that any time you see advancement team noted, that is the marketing team, where the terms are used interchangeably. The leader of the marketing team is also leader of the advancement team.

Trustee Sierra stated that he agrees with Trustee Bertschy concerning his comments on developing a long-term plan, especially the point where by the end of next year, he hopes a goal of the Board's will be to start working with the staff very intentionally to create a more long-term plan.

Trustee Sierra stated that he likes the approach of having an annual plan as well. He thinks it would be helpful to be more effective, especially on the committee level, possibly starting in September of the prior year. Executive Director Cahill stated that staff actually did present this in at that time at the committee level and there was no ability or interest to try to work that process in the committees with everything else that was happening. As such, it got moved back to the staff level to put together a proposal. Trustee Sierra clarified, stating he agrees with Executive Director Cahill and that he meant fellow Board members and chairs of the committees, not staff, that a priority of his is having that conversation on a committee level with the chairs and Trustee members. Having those strategic conversations and effective dialogue in committees should occur and start no later than September of the prior year.

6.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction

Becky Fredrickson presented the November 2023 Project Report and stated that currently, there are no projects materially behind schedule. *Please see Attachment A.* Of note is current interior work going on at Proctor Rec Center with the library, lobby and art room, and painting, and is looking very nice. Also, staff was recently approached by the City of Peoria that they will be doing some improvement work on MacArthur Highway. As such, it will impact MLK Park. The City asked the District if they would be interested in possibly working with them to replace or reuse the District's sidewalk and make it wider so it could accommodate both bikes and pedestrians off the road when they do the renovation work. Staff is working with the City on that and there will be a public input session at Carver Center next Thursday at 6:00 pm if anyone is interested in finding out more information on this project from the City.

Trustee Harant asked if all the pools at the RiverPlex are operational, as someone had mentioned to her that the lazy river pool is not open. Becky stated that as far as she's aware, everything at the RiverPlex is up and running with no issues.

6.C. Chief of Police

Chief Todd Green presented the November 2023 Police Activity Report. *Please see Attachment B.* Chief Green introduced new full-time Park District Police Officer Frank Merrill. Officer Merrill spoke of his background and desire to stay at the Park District. He is a Peoria resident and is committed to serve the District and patrons in a professional, kind, considerate and compassionate manner.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.A. Finance Committee – Investment Policy Revisions

Trustee and Finance Committee Chair Bertschy stated that in the September 13, 2023 and October 4, 2023 Finance Committee meetings, the first and second redraft of the Investment Policy was reviewed and based on those meetings, some language changes were made.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Investment Policy Revisions as presented for first read at the November 8, 2023 Regular Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and

carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

7.B. Peoria Zoological Society (PZS) Update

Vice President Covington provided an update on the last PZS Board meeting. *Please see Attachment C.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Adoption of 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance

Karrie Ross stated that staff recommends Park Board approval of the provided 2023 tax levy ordinance. This levy ordinance does not include an amount for bond and interest purposes, because the Peoria County Clerk relies upon the bond ordinances approved when the bonds are sold to establish the levy amount for bond and interest payment needs.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Adoption of the 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.B. Authorization for Preparation of FY 2024 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Karrie Ross stated that staff recommends that the Park Board authorize preparation of the 2024 Combined Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. As required by Park Code 70 ILCS 1205/4-4, the Ordinance shall be adopted before the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year, and a draft version of the Ordinance shall be available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to the adoption of the Ordinance. Upon the Board’s direction, staff will prepare the Ordinance to ensure the required deadlines are met.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Authorization for Preparation of the FY 2024 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.C. Authorization to Solicit Proposals for Year 2024 General Obligation Park Bonds

Karrie Ross stated that staff recommends that the Park Board authorize staff to engage with bond counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP, to solicit proposals for the sale of General Obligation Park Bonds in 2024, and for the President to order the calling of a public hearing concerning the Board’s intent to sell General Obligation Park Bonds. Such hearing shall be held at least seven days before the passage of an ordinance providing for the sale of the bonds. Staff’s plan for this issuance is outlined as follows:

- Issue amount and maturity schedule:

| <u>Series 2024A Tax Exempt</u> | | <u>Series 2024B Taxable</u> | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Maturity Date | Maturity Amount | Maturity Date | Maturity Amount |
| 12/1/2024 | \$ 2,300,000 | 12/1/2024 | \$ 200,000 |
| 12/1/2025 | <u>2,500,000</u> | | |
| | \$ 4,800,000 | | |
| Total 2024 GO Bonds | | \$ | 5,000,000 |

- Wednesday, January 17, 2024: Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue \$5 million general obligation park bonds for capital improvements.

- Wednesday, February 14, 2024: Board passage of an ordinance providing for the issue of \$5 million general obligation park bonds.

However, changes to this plan may occur depending on bond counsel recommendations and/or changes in market conditions.

Trustee Bertschy stated that for all of these ordinances, he assumes that Chapman and Cutler has reviewed and signed off on them, correct? Karrie Ross stated yes, that's correct. Included in tonight's agenda packet are documents and an engagement letter that was received, in anticipation of the ordinance being approved tonight. Bond counsel however, does not review the tax levy ordinance. The tax levy ordinance is the same format that has been used for several years. Attorney Streeter confirmed that while he did not review the exact numbers, it is the same format that's been used and he is comfortable with that.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Authorization to Solicit Proposals for Year 2024 General Obligation Park Bonds. Motion seconded by Vice President Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.D. 2024 Park Board and Committee Meetings Schedule

This item was received and filed. *Please see Attachment D.* Trustee Harant stated that she thinks it may be a challenge for the Programming Committee, especially when working on the July 3rd event issue, to limit its meetings to 60-90 minutes. As such, there may need to be some flexibility in the schedule.

8.E. 2024 Administrative and Operating Support Agreement Between Peoria Park District Foundation and The Pleasure Driveway & Park District of Peoria, IL

Executive Director Cahill stated that the Peoria Park District provides administrative support to the Peoria Park District Foundation and its efforts to raise awareness and financial support for the District. The attached agreement sets forth the parameters for this cooperation in 2024. There are no substantive changes to the Agreement from the 2023 Agreement. The Agreement will be presented for Foundation approval at its January 2024 meeting. As such, staff recommends approval of the 2024 Administrative and Operational Support Services Agreement between the Peoria Park District Foundation and The Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, IL.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the 2024 Administrative and Operating Support Agreement Between Peoria Park District Foundation and The Pleasure Driveway & Park District of Peoria, IL. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.F. 2024 Administrative and Operating Support Agreement Between Peoria Zoological Society and The Pleasure Driveway & Park District of Peoria, IL

Executive Director Cahill stated that the proposed PZS agreement provided for review includes additional language regarding indemnification as included with the HISRA agreement per legal counsel suggestion. The only other changes are date changes to reflect the 2024 operating year. As such, staff recommends the approval of the 2024 Administrative and Operating Support

Agreement Between Peoria Zoological Society and The Pleasure Driveway & Park District of Peoria, IL.

Brenda O’Russa, Director of the Peoria Zoological Society, explained that the purpose of the Peoria Zoological Society is to raise funds in support of Peoria Zoo’s mission. Historically, PZS was all capital based where funds were raised to build new things. In the past few years, PZS has also worked to support operationally when it can. As such, the purpose of PZS is to support the Peoria Zoo and the Park District. Currently, the Park District receives 30% of the membership funds. Operational fees and expenses are go directly to the Zoo (Park District) and PZS does not have a role with those funds, unless it’s a capital campaign expense.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the 2024 Administrative and Operating Support Agreement Between Peoria Zoological Society and The Pleasure Driveway & Park District of Peoria, IL. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.G. Corn Stock Theatre 2024 Season Agreement

Matt Freeman stated that in December 1966, Corn Stock Theatre entered into an agreement with the Peoria Park District to formally lease ground at Bradley Park to conduct theatre business. As part of this agreement, which remains in effect, Corn Stock does not pay a fee for the property lease and has provided 100% of the funding for construction of all theatre buildings and their maintenance. This agreement, between the Park District and Corn Stock Theatre, supplements the original lease agreement, and is designed to provide details for coordination, responsibilities, and services provided by each party specific to the 2024 season. This agreement will be revisited annually so that changes can be made as needed for each new season. As such, staff recommends approval of this agreement.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the Corn Stock Theatre 2024 Season Agreement. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.H. Approval of IAPD Credentials Resolutions

Secretary Woodworth stated that the annual Illinois Parks and Recreation Conference will be held January 25-27, 2024 in Chicago, IL. To ensure eligibility of Peoria Park District delegates to vote on matters presented during the Association’s annual conference on January 27, 2024, the provided credentials certificate naming a Trustee Hill as delegate, and Trustee Sierra as first alternate must be voted upon by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the IAPD Credentials Resolutions stating Trustees Sierra and Hill will serve as delegates to the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Motion seconded by Trustee Bertschy and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.I. Peoria Zoo Gift Shop Retail Purchase

Staff requested to pull this item as Board approval is not required.

8.J. Peoria Zoo New Membership Category

Brenda O’Russa stated that the Peoria Zoological Society has received several requests for consideration of a new membership category. This category, called Individual Plus, would allow one adult cardholder to bring an additional guest per visit. The cost for membership would be \$70. Current membership categories include:

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| <u>Individual</u> : One adult and children under the age of 1. | \$45 |
| <u>Joint</u> : Two adults and children under the age of 1. | \$70 |
| <u>Family</u> : Two adult cardholders and their children under the age of 18. | \$100 |
| <u>Family Plus</u> : A Family Membership and the opportunity to bring one guest per visit.* | \$130 |
| <u>Family & Caregiver</u> : A Family Membership and another named cardholder who regularly cares for your children and doesn’t reside at your address. | \$135 |
| <u>Family Plus & Caregiver</u> : A Family & Caregiver Membership and the opportunity to bring one guest per visit.* | \$165 |
| <u>Grandparent</u> : Two grandparents and their grandchildren under the age of 18. | \$100 |
| <u>Grandparent Plus</u> : A Grandparent Membership plus the opportunity to bring one guest per visit.* | \$130 |
| <u>Zoo Booster</u> : A Family or Grandparent Membership and five one-time entry guest passes. | \$150 |
| <u>Zoo Benefactor</u> : A Zoo Booster Membership plus the opportunity to bring two guest per visit.* | \$300 |
| <u>Zoo Patron</u> : A Zoo Benefactor Membership and a custom animal painting. | \$500 |
| <u>Pride of the Zoo</u> : A Zoo Patron Membership and a personal behind-the-scenes tour. | \$1000 |

*Member cardholder must be present for guest entry.

The Peoria Zoological Society membership committee, which consists of PZS board members, PZS staff, and Peoria Zoo staff, recommended the new category to the PZS Board of Directors. The PZS Board voted to approve it at their November 2023 Board meeting. As such, staff recommends approval of the Individual Plus category by the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Peoria Zoo New Membership Category. Motion seconded by Vice President Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.K. Allocation of Peoria Zoo Memorial Reserve Funds

Yvonne Strode stated that the Peoria Zoo staff recommend allocating up to \$185,000 from the Zoo Memoria Reserves Funds for construction of an outdoor exhibit area for the primates housed in the Tropics Building (\$107,500), construction of an outdoor area for the swift foxes in the Tropics Building (\$32,500), and renovation of the public barrier at the tiger exhibit (\$45,000), all of which were identified concerns raised by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Trustee Bertschy asked if there are others areas that AZA will find problematic or need fixed? Yvonne Strode stated that she believes a lot of it depends on what can be done with the Tropics building master plan. It was built in 1955 and currently, staff is doing the best it can with it. The animals currently housed there are happy and healthy however, there will need to be upgrades and renovations to the building. Hopefully, that process would start next year.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Allocation of Peoria Zoo Memorial Reserve Funds. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.L. Intergovernmental Agreement – Village of Norwood

Becky Fredrickson stated that the Peoria Park District acquired 3 parcels in Norwood in 1965 with the assistance of Forest Park Foundation. In 1990 the Peoria Park District entered into a 50-year agreement with the Village of Norwood concerning the management of one of the parcels that is used as a park for the Village. It is approximately 6.5 acres in size. In 2020 an extension on the agreement was approved by the Park Board and the Village of Norwood for an additional 20 years. This agreement will expire in 2060. Earlier this year the Village inquired about the possibility of taking ownership of the parcel. This would allow them to apply for grants for improvements. This was discussed at the September Planning Committee meeting.

Through the Illinois Park District Code (Section 10-7) and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1) the Peoria Park District is allowed to transfer land to another governmental entity through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). It is stated that the parcel to be transferred must remain in public park and recreation usage. This is further reinforced by a deed restriction dating to when the Park District acquired the property. If the parcel is used for any other purpose, the parcel will revert back to Peoria Park District ownership.

As such, staff recommends approval and execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement to transfer the specified 6.5-acre parcel of land to the Village of Norwood.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Intergovernmental Agreement – Village of Norwood. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.M. Land Acquisition – KDB Parcel

Becky Fredrickson stated that in early 2023, the Park District was approached concerning the potential sale of an undeveloped, forested 14.75-acre parcel surrounded on three sides by land currently owned by the Park District on North Prospect Avenue. Staff presented to the Planning Committee information on the property and the potential opportunity for an Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant. Staff was given permission to proceed. In late November, staff was notified of the grant award for 80% of the purchase price for the parcel. The current owner, KDB Group, initially had an asking price of \$60,000.00 for the parcel. They recently agreed to a bargain sale of \$48,000.00 to the Park District.

As such, staff recommends acquiring the 14.75-acre parcel of land from the KDB Group for \$48,000.00.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Land Acquisition – KDB Parcel. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

8.N. Golf Simulator Purchase Update

Executive Director Cahill stated that on November 8, 2023, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of two indoor golf simulators utilizing available operational dollars in the 2023 revised budget. Upon receipt of the purchase agreement, it was determined that taking possession of the simulators will trigger the start of the warranty; which staff believe is not in the best interest of the District since the simulators will not be installed until the Golf Learning Center reimagination is complete.

As such, the dollars allocated to the purchase of the simulators will remain all or in part in the Golf Fund, improving its overall financial position. In order to plan and budget for the larger GLC effort, staff is seeking authorization from the Board that, should there be an over-reserve at the close of the 2023 fiscal year, that sufficient funds (up to \$155,000.00) be earmarked from that over-reserve to fund this purchase.

Trustee Bertschy stated if this is an essential part of the recreation of the Golf Learning Center. As such, when it's stated that if there's an over reserve, this is money that is moving from one year's operational funds to the next year's operational funds correct? Why would the over reserve even come into this? Executive Director Cahill stated that the reason that language is in there is to recognize the fact that these were operating dollars and in order for the District to use them in 2023, receipt would have to be taken by December 31, 2023. Because the District isn't doing that, those dollars go into 2024 and will show up in the audit process. As such, the intent is to not put the District in a difficult financial position knowing that because those dollars are going back in and knowing where we sit in the larger Park District budget, staff wanted to honor the fact that those funds would not be pulled out of the Golf Fund's operating budget. If those over reserve dollars are there as staff believes they will be, they will be used in 2024 to purchase this item.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the Golf Simulator Purchase to be purchased in 2024, and the Board recognizes that the expenditure up to \$155,000 and revenue is being moved from 2023 to 2024 for the golf simulator for the new Golf Learning Center, and the accounting for that shall be determined appropriately by staff. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

9. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

9.A. Bid – Golf Course Signage

9.B. Proposal – 20-24 Fuels

In regards to item 9.A., President Johnson asked what was entrance lettering as noted in the staff recommendation. Executive Director Cahill stated that it's not the stone signs at the entrance but directional signage within the facilities. The stone signs are to remain. President Johnson then asked if there was a reason why some golf courses have a stone entrance sign and some have wooden. Is there a reason why they all aren't the same? Becky Fredrickson stated that initially, all courses had a wooden sign. As the wooden signs degraded to the point where they couldn't be repaired or replaced cost effectively, they were replaced with a stone sign. The stone signs cost

\$10,000 and upwards, depending on the size and lettering. The Park District logo/marketing has changed to include the vibrant green, yellow and blue logo which is now seen on the Madison Golf Course entrance sign. Newman and Kellogg courses still have a stone sign.

In regards to item 9.B., Trustee Bertschy asked what the Forsythe, IL OPIS fuel pricing index is as referred to in the documents. Karrie Ross stated that she believes it is a regional price setting market and stands for Oil Price Information Services and this bid represents the same structure in which the Park District has purchased fuel for the past several years. Executive Director Cahill stated that it is the standard price index used across the industry. Trustee Bertschy then inquired if the pricing index affects the entire country and not just the region? Upon further discussion, it was determined that this item will be pulled until more information on the Forsythe, IL OPIS fuel pricing index can be researched. Once that information is obtained, it will then be sent to all Trustees for their review and vote via phone poll. Trustee Bertschy thanked staff stating that he would feel more comfortable knowing what the pricing is based on and why, as it is a large expenditure.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent item 9.A. Motion seconded by Vice President Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

10. PENDING BUSINESS

10.A. Upper Bradley Park Previous Statue Location Options Discussion

Executive Director Cahill stated that tonight, staff will present an overview of options as previously requested by the Board of Trustees. She requests the Board to review and consider A. What is the Board's primary goal for the space? B. What are your favorite elements as presented? C. Are there any options that should NOT be considered?

Mary Harden, Park Planner, provided a presentation on possible options for the previous statue location at Upper Bradley Park. She stated that Christopher Columbus is the third most memorialized person in the country after Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Across the United States, there are over 6,000 places named for Christopher Columbus. Monument Lab, a public art and history non-profit surveyed 48,178 statues, plaques, parks and obelisks across the United States and found that of the 50 most represented individuals, less than 1% were Black or Indigenous.

Historically, monuments and statuary were put in place by people with power. The perceived values of the decision makers are the image and voice that is projected across the community. Often, that voice is not representative of all. A monument that symbolizes heritage for one might serve as a reminder of racism and oppression to others. All over the United States, racial, political and civic movements to stand up against injustice and racial inequality have resulted in the removal of such statuary and memorials. As these statues are removed, cities and parks are left with 'holes' in the landscape.

- Who decides what replaces these statues? How do you reach community members that might not typically have a voice or are part of a small group?
- Does anything need to replace them?
- Who decides what message the new piece should convey? If it is a social justice issue, how do you choose what's most important? (racism, immigration, gender & identity, class, citizenship,

civil rights, incarceration, healthcare access, homelessness, discrimination, stereotypes & appropriation, etc.)

- If art is chosen, how is the artist chosen?

Site Considerations – If Replaced

- Adjacent neighborhood-honor the relationship between this site and its neighbors
- At the same time, a space that is inviting for park visitors
- Create a space that invites people to slow down and to really look around, or a place to sit and engage
- Create a space that is neutral- not insensitive or hostile
- Create a space that is manageable by Park Manager and Staff
- Ensure space flows easily with park and doesn't look out of place or forced
- Accessible, inclusive, multigenerational
- Cost of improvement (How is it paid for? What is the cost to maintain?)

Exploring Possibilities

-Investigate the possibility of bringing in rotating sculptures from the Art Guild's Sculpture Walk or the Donovan Sculpture Garden each year.

-Explore local artists.

-Explore function art – aesthetic objects that serve a utilitarian purpose.

-Create a "pocket" that feels unique and intimate through the incorporation of lighting, pavi, overhead interest, seating, planting, etc.

-Bring music to the outdoors. Outdoor instruments allow for an inclusive and intergenerational interactive space.

In closing, Mary Harden stated that there is an infinite amount of ways to look at this space. Peoria isn't unique in that there is suddenly a hole where something once stood. While that space may look beautiful as it now is, it is recognized that there was once something there and some people want something back in that space. The story the Park District decides to tell and how it tells it will impact future generations. The responsibility of deciding how to move forward is not insignificant and cities all over the United States are grappling with the same issue. The decisions that are made will impact how the Park District is perceived by the community as a whole. As such, staff looks forward to next step direction from the Board.

Board members engaged in a robust discussion concerning options and other considerations for the space. It was decided that at this point, at the next Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting, staff will recommend a timeline for the process that includes the Board's feedback to staff for refinement and/or implementation. In addition, at some point outlined in the proposed timeline, staff will present to the Planning Committee narrowed options for Board discussion and input that will include no more than three options for public presentation. Invitations to the public input sessions will include the whole Park District community, not just the Uplands and surrounding neighborhoods. After those public input sessions are held, the Board will then at a future date select an option for implementation by staff to be completed in a timely manner.

11. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Bertschy stated that several meetings ago he had mentioned the Golf Ad Hoc Committee was reviewing the possibility of renumbering the holes at Kellogg Golf Course where starting on October 9, a trial run was started. In addition, feedback was gathered from players in a variety of different ways. As such, he would like to let everyone know that in an open meeting, the Committee recently voted in favor of recommending that the renumbering be done and utilized on a more permanent basis. The ultimate decision will be made by staff and Executive Director Cahill, as it is an operational decision, not policy.

Trustee Sierra stated that as part of expanding the internal marketing team was a conversation of staff collecting internal data on the marketing efforts. After his review of the minutes, there were some conversations about having some sort of data report ready for the Board at the end of this calendar year. He does not recall seeing that. As such, could staff determine where the Board can get that marketing report based on efforts that have been conducted within the calendar year 2023.

Trustee Sierra stated that he had mentioned during the budget meetings, the consideration about rental rates for not for profits and government organizations. He has had several organizations reach out to him about this. He would like this item placed on the next Finance Committee meeting agenda to discuss rental fees associated with service-based organizations as historically, there has not been a uniform philosophy applied.

Trustee Sierra stated that as part of engaging his district specifically in 2024, he will be conducting district days where the goal is to have a community input once a month. The concept of it is to centralize outreach and engagement. He will be collaborating with a variety of service-based organizations that are in the southern district as well as fellow elected officials. He will ensure that those meetings will be publicly noticed so that all Trustees can attend if they so choose. He will share more specific information when the time comes.

President Johnson stated that the Peoria Park District has done a great job with the budget and being fiscally responsible. However, he wants to stress that he wants the District to continue its conservative approach in spending funds. Starting next year, he would like to see periodically, agenda items relating to updates on the Peoria Zoo. The Zoo is older and has many needed updates where a capital campaign will be necessary in the near future.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:46 pm, Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Harant, Hill, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Covington, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://fb.watch/peEPiGwqbH/>

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary

| PROJECTS IN PLANNING AND/OR DESIGN | PROJECTS OUT TO BID/QUOTE | PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Players Boiler Replace PlayHouse Parking Lot Improv - Ph. 2 Proctor Auditorium Partial A/C Repl. Proctor Roof Tile Purchase Proctor Library Painting Proctor Gym Roof Proctor Skylights Improv. Riverplex Flat Roof Coating - Ph. 2 RiverPlex Resurface Pools RiverPlex Locker Room Renov. Ph. 2 Rock Island Greenway Bridge Repair Tawny Oaks Shed Roof Zoo Tiger Paths Zoo Boardwalk Decking Repl. |

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY – November, 2023



TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL REPORTS: 5

CRIME REPORTS

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Date/Time</i> | <i>Offense Type</i> | <i>Case #</i> |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Robinson Park | 11/2/23 - 1613 | Motor Vehicle Burglary Case Summary: Vehicle Burglary to Locked Vehicle | 23-153 |
| Detweiller Park | 11/2/23 - 1640 | Motor Vehicle Burglary Case Summary: Vehicle Burglary to Locked Vehicle | 23-154 |
| Bradley Park | 11/10/23 - 0849 | Motor Vehicle Burglary Case Summary: Vehicle Burglary to Locked Vehicle | 23-155 |
| Detweiller Park | 11/18/23 - 0613 | Arson Case Summary: River City Raceway Trailer Damaged | 23-157 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – CRIME REPORTS: 4

NON-CRIME REPORTS

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Date/Time</i> | <i>Offense Type</i> | <i>Case #</i> |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Franciscan Park | 11/13/23 – 1130 | Abandoned Vehicle on Public Property | 23-156 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – NON-CRIME REPORTS: 1

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Date/Time</i> | <i>Tickets Issued</i> | <i>Case #</i> |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | | | |

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS: 0

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Date/Time</i> | <i>Offense</i> | <i>Ticket #</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Robinson Park/Mossville Rd | 11/19/23 1507 | Speeding | 2300788801 |
| Detweiller Park | 11/25/23 - 1840 | Speeding | 2300808101 |
| Detweiller/Rt. 29 | 11/26/23 - 1525 | Speeding | 2300810101 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 3

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

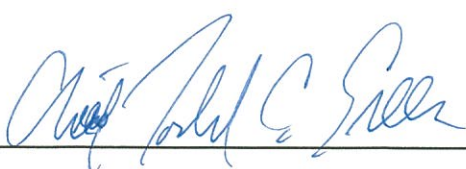
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MONTHLY TOTAL – ORDINANCE CITATIONS: 0

PARKING VIOLATIONS

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Date and Time</i> | <i>Offense</i> | <i>Ticket #</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Lakeview Park | 11/5/23 1415 | No Parking Zone | 08633, 34, 35 |
| Lakeview Park | 11/19/23 – 1422 | Parked in Reserved | 08636 |
| Bradley Park | 11/21/23 – 0847 | After Hours Parking | 08639 |

MONTHLY TOTAL – PARKING VIOLATIONS: 5

Reviewed by:  Date: 12/01/23

Peoria Zoological Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Staff Report November 14, 2023

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President David Bielfeldt and minutes from the October 2023 meeting were approved.
- 2) Peoria Park District Update: Emily Cahill reported the Peoria Park District budget passed. As part of the budget, bonded money was approved for a new Senior Keeper for the zoo and a dedicated Maintenance and Repair employee for Glen Oak Park.

Winter Wonderland will be held at Glen Oak Park every Saturday in December. The park will be turned into the North Pole. The Peoria PlayHouse will host Santa's workshop, where children can make a holiday craft. The Zoo will feature Santa Claus, and activities include decorating cookies and more crafts. Luthy Botanical Garden will have kids' activities and the Moonlight Coalition shop. They will also have the Poinsettia Show every Friday and Saturday night and the orangery will be turned into a winter ski lodge where Parks on Tap will serve adult beverages.

- 3) Zoo Director's Report: Yvonne Strode spoke of the death of Arthur, the Zoo's male African Lion, from advanced lymphoma and failing kidneys. He was 18 years old. The Association of Zoo's and Aquariums Species Survival Plan recommends leaving the female lion, Lizzy, alone in the exhibit if her quality of life is good without a companion. They believe she will be too old to successfully introduce another lion to the exhibit. Peoria Zoo has been added to the SSP list for receiving a new lion pair in the future.

Yvonne updated the board on the baby Mandrill, River. She reported the monkey is curious and rambunctious. The barrier in front of the exhibit will soon be moved closer to the viewing window because the mandrills are now getting accustomed to zoo visitors viewing the baby.

As part of the bonded money approved during the PPD budgeting process, the glass in the lion viewing area will be replaced. The zoo is also getting a generator for the giraffe barn and making repairs to roofs in Africa.

- 4) Nominating Committee: Lucinda McArthur informed the board of a nomination she received for Lindsey Samp. Lindsey is the Director of Accounting for OSF Healthcare System, and a former audit manager with CliftonLarsonAllen. She has served on PZS finance committee since August 2022. PZS board voted to approve making Ms. Samp a member of the Board of Directors.
- 5) Membership Report: Tara Jacobsen reported on membership totals for October. Sales are up compared to last year. In November, a membership promotion was started – a free plush tiger will be given with any membership purchased in the Zoo's gift shop while supplies last. PZS will host the members-only "Winter Warming" at the beginning of February.

The membership committee met in October. They discussed the possibility of increasing membership dues in response to Zoo admission prices increasing. They also considered the addition of a new membership category, Individual Plus, which would allow for a single adult

cardholder to bring an additional guest per visit. The cost of the new membership would be equivalent to the price of a Joint membership. PZS Board of Directors decided not to increase dues at this time because they just went up earlier this year. They did vote to include the new membership category.

- 6) Event Update: Brenda O’Russa proposed dates for 2024 PZS fundraisers. The board voted to hold Zootini on Thursday, May 16, 2024. They requested more time to decide on a date for Zoobrew, which is typically held in the fall.
- 7) Finance Report: Thomas Schlink reported overall revenue is up year-to-date from 2022. Revenue exceeding expenses is also significantly ahead through the month of October. PZS board reviewed and approved check requests. The committee also reported on a bequest gift PZS received in October.
- 8) Other: Brenda O’Russa introduced PZS’s new membership assistant, Lauren Weldon. She also reminded everyone in December the board will review and approve the 2024 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda O’Russa

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Peoria Zoological Society

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11/14/2023



**2024 MEETING SCHEDULE
PARK BOARD AND COMMITTEES**

REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETINGS

PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETINGS (2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| JANUARY | 10, 17* | JULY | 10, 24 |
| FEBRUARY | 14, 28 | AUGUST | 14, 28 |
| MARCH | 13, 27 | SEPTEMBER | 11, 25 |
| APRIL | 10, 24 | OCTOBER | 2**, 23 |
| MAY | 8, 22 | NOVEMBER | 6, 13, 20*** |
| JUNE | 12, 26 | DECEMBER | 11**** |

* Rescheduled meeting due to IAPD Conference, January 25-27, 2024

**Rescheduled meeting due to NRPA Conference October 8-10, 2024

*** Special Meetings Scheduled for FY 2025 Budget

**** Only meeting in December due to Christmas Holiday

COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMITTEE (2nd Wednesday, 4:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY | No Meeting | JULY | 10 |
| FEBRUARY | 14 | AUGUST | 14 |
| MARCH | 13 | SEPTEMBER | 11 |
| APRIL | 10 | OCTOBER | 2* |
| MAY | 8 | NOVEMBER | No Meeting |
| JUNE | 12 | DECEMBER | No Meeting |

*Rescheduled meeting due to NRPA Conference October 8-10, 2024

BOARD OF THE WHOLE STRATEGY AD HOC COMMITTEE (2ND Wednesday, 5:30 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY | 10 | JULY | No Meeting |
| FEBRUARY | 14 | AUGUST | 14 |
| MARCH | 13 | SEPTEMBER | No Meeting |
| APRIL | No Meeting | OCTOBER | 2* |
| MAY | 8 | NOVEMBER | 13 |
| JUNE | 12 | DECEMBER | No Meeting |

*Rescheduled meeting due to NRPA Conference October 8-10, 2024

PEORIA PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION (2nd Wednesday, 5:30 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY | 10 @ 4:00 PM | JULY | 10 |
| FEBRUARY | No Meeting | AUGUST | No Meeting |
| MARCH | No Meeting | SEPTEMBER | 11 |
| APRIL | 10 | OCTOBER | No Meeting |
| MAY | No Meeting | NOVEMBER | No Meeting |
| JUNE | No Meeting | DECEMBER | No Meeting |

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (4th Wednesday, 4:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY | No Meeting | JULY | No Meeting |
| FEBRUARY | 28 | AUGUST | 28 |
| MARCH | No Meeting | SEPTEMBER | No Meeting |
| APRIL | 24 | OCTOBER | No Meeting |
| MAY | No Meeting | NOVEMBER | No Meeting |
| JUNE | 26 | DECEMBER | No Meeting |

*Rescheduled meeting due to IAPD Conference, January 25-27, 2024

CITIZENS ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE (4th Wednesday, 4:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY | No Meeting | JULY | 24 |
| FEBRUARY | No Meeting | AUGUST | No Meeting |
| MARCH | 27 | SEPTEMBER | 25 |
| APRIL | No Meeting | OCTOBER | No Meeting |
| MAY | 22 | NOVEMBER | No Meeting |
| JUNE | No Meeting | DECEMBER | No Meeting |

*Rescheduled meeting due to IAPD Conference, January 25-27, 2024

FINANCE COMMITTEE (4th Wednesday, 5:30 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY | 17* | JULY | 24 |
| FEBRUARY | 28 | AUGUST | 28 |
| MARCH | 27 | SEPTEMBER | 25 |
| APRIL | 24 | OCTOBER | 23 |
| MAY | 22 | NOVEMBER | 20 |
| JUNE | 26 | DECEMBER | No Meeting |

*Rescheduled meeting due to IAPD Conference, January 25-27, 2024

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, and ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE (3rd Tuesday, 10:00 AM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

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|-----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY | 16 | MAY | 21 | SEPTEMBER | 17 |
| FEBRUARY | 20 | JUNE | 18 | OCTOBER | 15 |
| MARCH | 19 | JULY | 16 | NOVEMBER | 19 |
| APRIL | 16 | AUGUST | 20 | DECEMBER | No Meeting |

TALENT MANAGEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Meeting dates and times to be announced)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

GOLF ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE (2nd Monday, 12:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District Administration OR as specifically designated

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY | No Meeting | MAY | 13 | SEPTEMBER | 9 |
| FEBRUARY | 12 | JUNE | 10 | OCTOBER | 14 |
| MARCH | 11 | JULY | 8 | NOVEMBER | No Meeting |
| APRIL | 8 | AUGUST | 12 | DECEMBER | No Meeting |

OTHER BOARDS OR COMMITTEES

HEART OF ILLINOIS SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (Per HISRA bylaws: Each member district appoints 2 members to serve on HISRA Board) (3rd Wednesday, 5:15 PM) LOCATION: HISRA Offices Peoria

PEORIA PLAYHOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3rd Monday, 12:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Peoria PlayHouse Children’s Museum

PEORIA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Per PZS bylaws: 2 PPD Board Trustees & Executive Director Serve on PZS Board) (2nd Thursday, 4:00 PM) LOCATION: The Peoria Zoo Zambezi River Lodge

SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (Per IGA: 1 individual appointed by PPD Pres. serve on Springdale Authority) (Meeting dates and times to be announced)

Peoria Park District offices will be closed for the following holidays:

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|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY, | JANUARY 1, 2024 | NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY CELEBRATED |
| TUESDAY, | JANUARY 2, 2024 | NEW YEAR DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED |
| MONDAY, | JANUARY 15, 2024 | DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY CELEBRATED |
| MONDAY, | MAY 27, 2024 | MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY |
| WEDNESDAY, | JUNE 19, 2024 | JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY |
| THURSDAY, | JULY 4, 2024 | INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED |
| MONDAY, | SEPTEMBER 2, 2024 | LABOR DAY HOLIDAY |
| MONDAY, | NOVEMBER 11, 2023 | VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED |
| THURSDAY, | NOVEMBER 28, 2024 | THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY |
| FRIDAY, | NOVEMBER 29, 2024 | DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY |
| TUESDAY, | DECEMBER 24, 2024 | DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED |
| WEDNESDAY, | DECEMBER 25, 2024 | CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED |
| TUESDAY | DECEMBER 31, 2024 | NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY CELEBRATED |
| WEDNESDAY, | JANUARY 1, 2025 | NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY CELEBRATED |