

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE HELD AT 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022 AT THE NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trustee and Chair Alexander Sierra and Executive Director Emily Cahill

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee and Vice Chair Kyle Bright

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Jackie Petty, and President Robert Johnson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Nick Conrad, Jess Main, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Scott Loftus, Matt Freeman, Jenny Swanson, Sue Wheeler, and Alicia Woodworth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Sierra presided and called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

At 3:31 pm, Executive Director Cahill MOVED TO CONVENE into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the Park District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on a unanimous aye of those present.

At 3:49 pm, Trustee Sierra convened the Programming Committee meeting.

**4. MINUTES**

**4.A. Approval of October 10, 2022 Programming Committee Meeting Minutes**

Executive Director Cahill MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the October 10, 2022 Programming Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on a unanimous aye of those present.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.A. DCEO Grant Opportunity: Park-A-Palooza**

Emily Cahill stated that Park-A-Palooza is funded as part of the State of Illinois' DCCEO tourism grant and is planned to be held in June 2023. Nick Conrad stated that Park-A-Palooza will be a three-day event June 8-10 at Detweiller Park. There are two unique elements to Park-A-Palooza that have never been offered in this area. One is a drone show, the other is Big Bounce America, the Guinness World record holder for the largest bounce house.

The bounce house holds up to 250 people and will take the average individual 5-7 minutes to complete the course. The drone show will have music accompanying it and will be 10-12 minutes followed by a brief break, and then a second show will be presented. It is anticipated that both the drone show and bounce house cost approvals will be on the next Board meeting agenda.

**5.B Scheduled Program Overview: RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center**

- Impact/Focus
- Usage Data
- Financial Information
- Policy/Advocacy
- Opportunity

Brent Wheeler stated that as everyone knows, the RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center is currently in a partnership with the Greater Peoria YMCA. This new partnership follows the long-standing partnership with OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. The 118,000 sq. ft. facility opened in August of 2001. The downtown landscape has changed considerably over the years and most notably, post-COVID. Emily Cahill stated that with replacement taxes and no OSF partnership, conversations around the financial future of the RiverPlex need to occur. As we look to future strategic efforts, the District needs to have conversations about what the philosophy of the RiverPlex is and how the use and future of it fits in.

**5.C. Community Partnerships Update**

Per Trustee Sierra, this item can be skipped today. He would like this as a standing agenda item in order to explore if there are any opportunities to collaborate with other area organizations around PPD programming.

**6. PENDING BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.A. Information Requests Follow-Up**

- PPD Halloween Financials
- RiverPlex Marketing
- Scholarship Data
- ICJIA Grant Information

Emily Cahill stated that these items were requested and provided by staff and staff has not heard any feedback or questions about them after the information was provided. Per Trustee Sierra, these items can be skipped as there are no follow up questions or feedback requested.

**8. ACTION STEPS REVIEW**

1. Trustee Sierra requested Board of the whole strategic conversations surrounding the RiverPlex should occur starting late February.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:59 p.m., Executive Director Cahill MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried on a unanimous aye of those present.

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Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth  
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board