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 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA IL

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Laurie Covington, Joyce Harant, Steve Montez, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Reagan Leslie Hill, and President Robert Johnson

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brianna Cobb, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Scott Loftus, Karrie Ross, Attorney Kevin Day, Attorney Justin Gunn, Mike Friberg, Kristi Shoemaker, and Alicia Woodworth.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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 March 12, 2025 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the March 12, 2025 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Hill, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays)

5. POLICY/PROCESS UPDATES

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Planning – Memorial Bench - FPNC

Staff received a request from Sherrie Ryberg to place a memorial bench at Forest Park Nature Center in memory of her late husband who completed his Eagle Scout project at FPNC many years ago. Staff worked with the Mrs. Ryberg to confirm her interest in the memorial bench. The bench will also include a standardized plaque, with language agreed upon by the District and family. As such, staff recommends approval of this request and will present it to the full board for approval. Staff will ensure the bench and plaque matches the Memorial and Tribute guidelines. All expenses will be incurred by Mrs. Sherrie Ryber.

6.B. Naming Policy Discussion

Executive Director Cahill stated that a revised draft of the Naming Policy as drafted and guided by Trustee Bertschy is provided for discussion. By policy, this must be reviewed at a board meeting and then voted upon at the next meeting.

Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO GIVE CONSENSUS to send the Naming Policy as currently drafted to the Full Board for first read and subsequent approval. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Hill, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays)

6.C. Committee Structure Discussion

Due to time constraints, this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

6.D. Travel Reimbursement Policy Discussion

Executive Director Cahill stated that as requested by Trustee Bertschy, provided is a compilation of the District's current travel policy, followed by examples of language that may be added to address a situation where a trustee cancels participation in an event that required travel, meal or lodging reservations and that cancellation results in incurred costs for the District.

After discussion, President Johnson stated he would like to appoint two trustees to review the policy language as presented and more specifically:

In addition to the need to add language about cancellation by Trustees and resulting responsibility for incurred charges, Trustees discussed possible reasons for not requiring Trustees who cancel to repay the District. They talked about the viability of using reasons for not attending meetings in person per the Open Meetings Act as a potential metric. For discussion purposes, these are listed in the act as follows:
(5 ILCS 120/7)
Sec. 7. Attendance by a means other than physical presence.
(a) If a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present as required by Section 2.01, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of: (i) personal illness or disability; (ii) employment purposes or the business of the public body; (iii) a family or other emergency; or (iv) unexpected childcare obligations. "Other means" is by video or audio conference.

Trustees Harant and Montez volunteered to do this and will report back. Secretary Woodworth sent the draft to Trustees Harant and Montez for them to review and send their comments/redraft to Executive Director Cahill to be presented at the next Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

6.E. Discussion – License Agreement – Robinson Park

Mike Friberg stated that the property at 11305 N. Pawnee Road has long had an encroachment onto Park District property. Recently this property was sold, the new owners approached the Park District for resolution. Existing encroachments include a gazebo built partially on park land, fencing, a paved path, turfgrass, irrigation, and landscape mulching. The land is flat, and not subject to erosion concerns. Staff propose a license agreement to allow the Alwans to continue to use 0.107 acres as well as a 92'x2' strip of park land. Legal counsel has reviewed this proposed agreement. As such, staff recommends execution of

the license agreement with Patrick and Beth Alwan for use of Robinson Park property adjacent to 11305 N. Pawnee Road.

7. PENDING BUSINESS

None noted at this time.

8. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

9. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.A. Approval to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) Concerning litigation, an action against, affecting or on behalf of the public organization has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public organization finds that an action is probable or imminent.

This item was pulled and therefore, a motion to convene into closed session was not made.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:59 pm, Trustee Bertschy MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Vice President Hill and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Montez, Sierra, Vice President Hill, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays).

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Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary