

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS HELD AT 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024 AT THE BONNIE NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 W. LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trustee and Chair Laurie Covington, Trustee and Vice Chair Reagan Leslie Hill, and Executive Director Emily Cahill

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Trustees Timothy Bertschy, Laurie Covington, Reagan Leslie Hill, Joyce Harant, Steve Montez, Vice President Alexander Sierra, and President Robert Johnson (in at 4:18 pm)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Executive Director Emily Cahill, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Mike Friberg, Mary Harden, Scott Loftus, and Alicia Woodworth

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Covington called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. MOTION TO PERMIT COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY**

No request to attend meeting electronically was received.

**4. MINUTES**

**4.A. Approval of August 14, 2024 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Hill moved to approve the minutes of August 14, 2024. Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**6. PENDING BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7.A. Consideration of a Motion to Convene into Closed Session Under the Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property including discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and, Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(11) Pending litigation.

At 4:05 PM, Executive Director Cahill MOVED TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION under the Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property including discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and, Illinois Open

Meetings Act Section 2(c)(11) Pending litigation. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried on a unanimous aye of those present.

At 4:40 PM, Trustee Covington reconvened the Planning Committee meeting.

Executive Director Cahill stated that staff received an email communication this past Monday from Fisher Stolz of the Donovan Sculpture Garden (DSG) stating that they approached the Gilmore Foundation for a donation. The Gilmore Foundation approved funding of three additional portable sculpture pads to be added to the DSG.

Technically, DSG does not have the authority to make any changes without Park District Board approval. DSG is asking Park District staff to meet them at Donovan Park this Friday to discuss location of the additional sculpture pads. Gilmore Foundation also approved funding for two permanent sculptures to belong to the DSG. DSG is technically, the Peoria Park District because the Donovan Sculpture Garden is not an actual entity or formal organization. Soon, a conversation will be necessary to discuss what the sustainability of the Donovan Sculpture Garden actually is.

Becky Fredrickson stated that after staff meets in Donovan Park with DSG and the artist of the two permanent sculptures, staff will come to the Board with more information and a recommendation for accepting the two new sculptures and the three portable sculpture pads.

Vice President Sierra stated that he hopes a conversation with the Donovan Sculpture Garden group was had explaining to them that this is not the order in which the Park District and Board does business. This adds to the long-term maintenance required by staff to perform and was not Board approved prior to DSG obligating the District to do such. Executive Director Cahill stated that the funding request to the Gilmore Foundation by DSG was submitted outside the structure already created and it will absolutely be addressed with them.

**8. ACTION STEPS REVIEW**

Discuss process going forward with Donovan Sculpture Garden.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:03 pm, Trustee Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Executive Director Cahill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

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Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth  
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary