

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Becky Fredrickson, Scott Loftus, Matt Freeman, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Brianna Cobb, Attorney William Streeter, Attorney Kevin Day, Chief Todd Green, Jacob Kuban, Kristi Shoemaker, Nicole Staley, Mike Friberg, Mary Harden, Tammy Johnson, Christina Mitchell, Miles Howley, and Alicia Woodworth.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. CALL FOR MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No Trustees requested to attend the meeting electronically.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the August 14, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Covington and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Hill, Montez, Vice President Sierra, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Cahill thanked everyone that attended yesterday's Tee Off to Transformation groundbreaking event at the Golf Learning Center. There has been some very positive feedback about the event and the District looks forward to continuing reporting on the progress of that project.

Executive Director Cahill reminded everyone that this Saturday, September 7, the District will be hosting the Founder's Day event at Glen Oak Park to celebrate the Park District's 130th birthday. In addition, on that day at 1:30 we will be holding a press event and celebrating a ribbon cutting of the District's first fully inclusive playground.

Trustee Bertschy thanked Executive Director Cahill, stating he thought as usual, that staff's work in respect to the Golf Learning Center event was spot on, cool, fun, delightful, exactly how it should have been. The idea of having everyone hit a golf ball rather than cutting a ribbon was fun and creative.

Vice President Sierra stated that in regards to the 2025 budget process and presentation, Karrie Ross had stated earlier that analysis was conducted among the management staff as it pertains to personnel issues. He is assuming those were quantitative data collection efforts. As such, can that data please be shared specifically with him and then with the DEIA Committee? Karrie Ross stated that that info will be shared in upcoming September and October meetings as per the budget calendar that was shared previously and there will definitely be more information to be shared on that item.

Vice President Sierra stated that last year, he was made aware of an increase in a service charge after the budget had been approved. Specifically, daily aquatics admissions at RiverPlex have been increased this year, post approval of the 2024 budget. Is that a normal occurrence for staff to increase charges for services after it has been passed in a budget? Executive Director Cahill stated that she's not certain it was an increase. She knows that that program was brought back at the rate that was already approved. That program was not available for a period of time because of an evaluation by both the RiverPlex and the YMCA about having day passes. The rates that the Board approved as part of the 2024 budget are the rates that are being charged and have not been changed.

Vice President Sierra stated that in the Finance Committee meeting, there was conversation under the projection section of the presentation that anticipated an approximate 10% decrease in revenue for FY25. It was then discussed what will be potentially affected by that decrease in revenue. So that proper forecasting can be done, he would like to see the strategic planning session that is held annually be held more frequently, and sooner rather than later. He is very interested in evaluating how the District will sustain programming that is targeted to at risk communities. State grant funding is the least sustainable type of funding and if that funding is decreased in any way, he would like to know how the District will guarantee in some capacity, programming for high at-risk communities.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.A. Finance Committee – Approval of Accounts Payable

The Finance Committee Presents the Accounts Payable for Approval

Trustee and Finance Committee Chair Bertschy reported that the Finance Committee met earlier today and reviewed the accounts payable. The Committee members present unanimously recommends to the Board that the accounts shown in the materials attached to the agenda be paid. As Chair of the Finance Committee, Trustee Bertschy MOVES TO APPROVE the accounts payable items shown in the agenda materials. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Bertschy, Covington, Harant, Hill, Montez, Vice President Sierra, and President Johnson. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Abstain; 0 Nays).

7.B. Golf Ad Hoc Committee – Approved Minutes of June 10, 2024 Meeting

The Golf Ad Hoc Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its June 10, 2024 Meeting

Trustee and Golf Ad Hoc Committee Chair Bertschy presented the approved minutes of the June 10, 2024 Golf Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

7.C. Planning Committee – Approved Minutes of June 12, 2024 Meeting

The Planning Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its June 12, 2024 Meeting

Trustee and Planning Committee Chair Covington presented the approved minutes of the June 12, 2024 Planning Committee meeting.

7.D. Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility Committee - Approved Minutes of June 18, 2024 Meeting

The DEIA Committee Presents the Approved Minutes of its June 18, 2024 Meeting

Vice President and DEIA Committee Chair Sierra presented the approved minutes of the June 18, 2024 DEIA Committee meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None presented at this time.

9. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

9.A. Bid – Lakeview Splash Pad

9.B. Bid – Trewyn Exterior Painting

9.C. Purchasing of a 2023 BrightDrop Zevo 600 Electric Step Van

9.D. Design Engineering Services – Grandview Drive Pavilion Move

Executive Director Cahill highlighted item 9.C., the purchase of a new electric step van, as the first all-electric service vehicle purchased for the District. Staff worked very hard in searching for the van and did a fantastic job in securing it.

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

10. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

11. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Harant stated that in regards to the Golf Learning Center project, she was part of a conversation where there was some concern expressed about public transportation that may be needed by newly hired part-time staff. As such, does GLC have access to public bus transportation now or will there be in the near future? This is something that may be concerning because it might make it difficult to hire people if there's not public transportation options. Executive Director Cahill stated that staff will look into this and give feedback at a later date.

Vice President Sierra stated that at the last DEIA Committee meeting, he talked about reviewing current policies as they apply to DEIA. At the last meeting, a citizen addressed the Board regarding private programming that they're helping to facilitate in a public space. He is concerned that the District's rental policies and procedures could potentially propose barriers. As such, Vice President Sierra wants this topic on staff's radar in an offline meeting for further evaluation. He wants to ensure that the Park District is accessible

and responsive to private individuals who rent or use Park District space for the purpose of facilitating private programming. Executive Director Cahill stated that she is happy to schedule a meeting about this as there are several factors to take into consideration.

President Johnson stated that for some time now, the Board has been concerned about providing soccer and golf for inner city youth K-4th grade. He spoke with the Peoria Public Schools Superintendent to learn more on how to collaborate facilitating this. Scott Loftus stated that the Happy Feet soccer program is offered at Proctor Rec Center and Glen Oak for ages 3-5. Conversations with Bradley in the past about offering clinics at Gwynn Park and Proctor and staff is happy to continue efforts to try to increase participation. Snag Golf is offered in every school in the winter months. The Park District also offers lessons and PGA Junior Leagues, which continues to grow each year.

Trustee Montez stated that he attends several Park District programs and events and very much enjoyed the Fiesta En El Rio festival. Kudos to staff for providing such amazing enjoyable events. The Park District is a wonderful place for families and he appreciates the opportunities offered.

14. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 pm vice President Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried by unanimous aye of those present.

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPgREQMm3So>

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary