

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS HELD AT 10:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 AT THE BONNIE NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 W. LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee and Committee Chair Joyce Harant, Trustee Ron Silver, and Executive Director Emily Cahill

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant, Ron Silver, Alexander Sierra (in at 10:04 am), Mark Slover, Vice President Steve Montez (in at 10:04 am), and President Robert Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Scott Loftus, Karrie Ross (in at 10:18 am), Jennifer Swanson, Willie Howe, Mike Friberg, Tammy Johnson, Spencer Wilson, Mary Harden, Kristi Shoemaker, Yogenee Nawale, Mary Harden, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Harant called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken.

3. MOTION TO PERMIT COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No request to attend meeting electronically was received.

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2026 Planning Committee Meeting

Trustee Silver MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the August 5, 2026 Planning Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Implementation Guiding Principles

Executive Director Cahill presented the first section of a proposed revision to the District's Implementation Guiding Principles, explaining that the park classification language is intended to provide clearer definitions and serve as broader guidance for capital planning and use of District properties. The classifications themselves are not new, but the revised section expands the scope and describes the character of capital investment and amenities associated with each classification. The Committee discussed parks that may serve more than one function, restroom expectations and possible exceptions for heavily used neighborhood parks, and whether the term "regional park" adequately describes certain District-wide facilities. Staff will provide the current Implementation Guiding Principles, the

revised section, a list showing how existing parks fit within the classifications, and a map of the parks.

6.B. Owens Center Update

Becky Fredrickson reported that updated design-development cost estimates require a reduction in the anticipated scope of the Owens Center renovation. Staff is working toward a project of approximately \$20 million, including architectural and other project fees. Replacement/upgrades of both ice sheets and the ice plant remain the primary priority and are estimated at approximately \$9.5 million; the plant would include capacity for a possible future third rink. The next priority is improvements to Rink 2, including four additional locker rooms and bleachers. Other elements of the earlier concept, including a larger lobby expansion, new parking lot, dedicated Mustangs locker room, and other locker-room and cafe improvements, would be reduced or deferred. Staff noted that earlier planning contemplated a project of approximately \$16 million, while the latest design-development estimate was approximately \$24 million. The Committee discussed communicating the revised scope promptly to hockey user groups and other stakeholders, as well as potential fundraising and naming opportunities. President Johnson and Executive Director Cahill will discuss the appropriate outreach. Staff is also working with bond counsel on timing and financing, including efforts to order the ice plant given its significant lead time.

6.C. Capital Improvement Plan Process Update

Willie Howe demonstrated the new electronic capital improvement request and scoring process. Capital requests are submitted through the system and routed through the requester's supervisor and division superintendent, then to the Planning Superintendent and the Planning, Design and Construction Department for review and refinement before being sent to the scoring team. Supporting documentation may be attached, edits are retained, and requests that are deferred remain in the system for possible consideration in a later year. Projects that do not qualify as capital items, are below the applicable threshold, or duplicate another request may be redirected, deferred, or denied. Staff demonstrated a fictional request from submission through the scoring screen and explained that the Board will review and understand the process and inputs but will not perform the project scoring. Scoring is expected to occur during September, with results to be reviewed in early October.

6.D. IAPD Legislative Survey

Executive Director Cahill reported that the legislative survey had been distributed and that staff was compiling feedback. She will contact Committee Chair Harant and Trustee Silver for a final review before submission. The survey is due September 18, 2026. Committee members were asked to focus particularly on the two open-ended questions addressing immediate and long-term legislative priorities.

6.E. Madison Golf Course Well/District Water Update

Becky Fredrickson reported that the Madison Golf Course project will require a pond to provide sufficient irrigation water. Two potential pond locations are being evaluated based on the pump house, electrical service, and site conditions, with the current preferred location adjacent to Hole No. 1 near Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. A test well will be installed to confirm the availability of water before construction documents are completed. The pond

would be replenished by the well while irrigation occurs primarily at night. Soil conditions will determine whether the pond basin requires additional treatment or lining. Staff indicated that construction is unlikely to occur this fall; the test well and resulting design work will help determine the schedule and potential impact on the next budget.

7. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.A. "Never Extinct" Lights

Becky Fredrickson reported that two ground-mounted solar lights had been installed that week at the "Never Extinct" sculpture site in Bradley Park on a trial basis. Committee Chair Harant also reported that she would continue exploring an outdoor interpretive display, similar to outdoor reading displays used by libraries, to explain the project and concept.

8.B. Corn Stock Theatre Update

Committee Chair Harant reported that Corn Stock Theatre has been conducting a capital campaign, has held a groundbreaking, and requested a meeting with Park District representatives to keep the Board and staff informed about upcoming improvements. The meeting is scheduled for September 21. Following that meeting, the District will consider whether a Corn Stock Theatre presentation should be scheduled for a future Board or Strategy meeting to recognize the project and provide an update.

Also in Other Business, Executive Director Cahill advised that staff will bring forward at a future Strategy meeting and then to the Board, proposed naming opportunities associated with PlayHouse improvements now beginning. The project predates the District's naming rights policy, and the proposed recognitions would acknowledge donors whose contributions qualify for recognition within the improved spaces.

9. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. At next meeting, provide the current Implementation Guiding Principles, the revised section, a list showing how existing parks fit within the classifications, and a map of the parks.
2. Complete the capital project scoring process
3. Finalize the IAPD Legislative Survey

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:02 am, Trustee Silver MOVED TO ADJOURN the meeting. Motion second by Executive Director Cahill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary