

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008 AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 2218 N. PROSPECT ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.**

**President Timothy J. Cassidy presided and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Director Noble, Attorney Jim Kinsky, Mike Baietto, Jan Budzynski, Becky Fredrickson, Katie Hogan, HISRA, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalessie Pie, Brent Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Joe Atkinson, Ray Boyer, Carl Cannon, Mike Friberg, Dale Goodner, John Gostele, V. Joyce McLemore, Bob Streitmatter and Lisa Ullenius.

**PRESS PRESENT:** John Sharp, **Journal Star.**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters, 2038 W. Delray, Peoria; Robert Anderson and Barb Plack, 2429 N. Lehman Rd., Peoria; Bob and Jan Frericks, 4301 W. Lora Ann Lane, Peoria; Jerry Goff, FOTH Infrastructure & Environment, 7500 N. Harker Drive, Peoria; James O. Haney, 8401 Grange Hall Road, Edwards; Craig Hullinger, City of Peoria, 423 High Street, Peoria; Steve Katlack, 709 E. Frye, Peoria; Larry and Lori Koger, 2713 N. Harper Terrace, Peoria..

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION:** **Craig Hullinger, City of Peoria Economic Development Director**  
President Cassidy welcomed Craig Hullinger and his presentation regarding **City of Peoria River's Edge Redevelopment Concept Plan**. Mr. Hullinger stated the concept for redevelopment of riverfront land north of the RiverPlex and continuing to War Memorial has not been approved by City Council. Hullinger presented conceptual drawings of "River's Edge Redevelopment Initiative", and the "Green Edge Plan" creating a lineal park along the water front. Hullinger next outlined an alternative for development that would include constructing a roadway, "Lakeshore Drive" parallel to the railroad tracks, fronting the Peoria Lakefront, northeast of RiverPlex. Alternative #3 would be based upon two recreation islands created from Corps' river dredging. This alternative would include town homes and mixed-use development benefiting from prime overlook of park and lake.

Trustees commented and questioned the conceptual plans: What benefit would a river drive provide? What park district land would be involved in the concept plan? What is the advantage of the "Green Edge Plan" vs. Alternative #3? How would roadway costs be covered? How will the City pay to purchase land from business owners of riverfront property located between downtown and War Memorial Drive? Discussion followed. President Cassidy thanked Mr. Hullinger for the presentation and restated this is just a concept idea, but a very interesting one.

**MINUTES:** **VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2007 RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF PARK BOARD TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Rock Island Trail/Kellar Branch Biking/Hiking Trail**

Director Noble prefaced her report with slide show documenting the topography of the Kellar Branch owned by the City of Peoria and the Village of Peoria Heights.

Director's Report excerpt: "This project has a long history, having been conceived in the late 1960's and brought to the forefront by the City of Peoria and Village of Peoria Heights purchase of Kellar Branch in 1984. The City approached the Peoria Park District to partner in developing a Class I multi-use trail in place of the Kellar Branch railroad. The Peoria Park District applied for and received grants for design and construction of a trail on what is now the rail bed, and has constructed connecting elements on both the north and south ends to link with the surrounding regional trail system."

"In December 2007, two meetings were organized independently—one by Central Illinois Railway and the other by Pioneer Industrial Railway. The purpose of the meetings was to reexamine the possibility of the train track and a biking/hiking trail's co-existence on the Kellar Branch rail bed owned by the City of Peoria and Village of Peoria Heights.....We have been asked to share in the cost of this (independent engineering) study, along with both railroad companies and both municipalities. The cost is not expected to be more than \$5,000 each."

**PLANNING/DESIGN/  
CONSTRUCTION  
DIVISION REPORT:**

Superintendent Fredrickson presented the December 2007 Monthly Project Status Report , Zoo Construction Update Reporting Period Sept.-Dec. 2007, as well as a Weekly Workforce Tabulation Zoo-Africa! Project.

Trustee Johnson asked about the status of Proctor Center improvement plan since the OSLAD grant was not received. Staff will refer the project to the Planning Committee for re-examination and determination.

**POLICE DIVISION:**

Superintendent Baietto presented October, November and December 2007 reports. Discussion followed regarding vandalism reports with staff reporting there are ongoing investigations into the incidents.

**RECREATION  
DIVISION:**

Superintendent Mantick highlighted the division report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**RATIFICATION OF FINAL 2007 ACCOUNT PAYABLES**  
**TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO RATIFY THE TELEPHONE POLL VOTE TAKEN**  
**ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, APPROVING PAYMENT OF FINAL**  
**2007 ACCOUNT PAYABLES DATED 12/26/2007. Motion seconded by Trustee**  
**Johnson and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

<b>Peoria Park District</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 26, 2007</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>88,417.95</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>40,421.54</b>
<b>AUDIT</b>	<b>87.50</b>
<b>LIABILITY</b>	<b>2,161.58</b>
<b>MUSEUM</b>	<b>7,535.47</b>
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>1,548.74</b>
<b>BONDED PROJECTS</b>	<b>16,255.14</b>
<b>RIVERFRONT EVENTS</b>	<b>397.88</b>
<b>DETWEILLER MARINA</b>	<b>602.16</b>
<b>GOLF</b>	<b>12,941.13</b>
<b>HISRA</b>	<b>2,921.91</b>
<b>RIVERPLEX</b>	<b>43,507.06</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Ratification of Final 2007 Account Payables – Continued**  
**TOTAL PAYABLES** **\$216,798.06**

**TRUSTEE ALLEN REPORTED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAD EXAMINED THE BILLS AND FOUND THEM TO BE CORRECT AND MOVED THE PRESENT AND THE SECRETARY BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE ORDERS ON THE TREASURER FOR THE SEVERAL AMOUNTS:**

**Peoria Park District** **Thursday, January 03, 2008**

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>1,324,281.71</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>12,536.25</b>
<b>LIABILITY</b>	<b>74,715.39</b>
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>6,863.24</b>
<b>WORKMAN'S COMP. &amp;</b>	<b>75,318.41</b>
<b>BONDED PROJECTS</b>	<b>1,601.23</b>
<b>RIVERFRONT EVENTS</b>	<b>1,075.00</b>
<b>GOLF</b>	<b>2,536.76</b>
<b>HISRA</b>	<b>6.11</b>
<b>RIVERPLEX</b>	<b>2,618.92</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYABLES:</b>	<b>\$1,501,553.02</b>

**PAYROLL #26 12/282007** **\$374,560.66**

**Motion seconded by Trustee Hancock and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

Minutes were presented of the December 19, 2007 Finance Committee meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND LANDMARKS ACT**

**Staff recommends a “No Action” position. No action will be taken by the Board at this time. Since 1983, the Board has supported this Act and the freeze on assessed valuation by taking no action; thus, allowing the assessed valuation single-family property freeze to take place.**

**LUTHY BOTANICAL GARDEN REQUESTS TO SERVE ALCOHOL:**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE LUTHY GARDEN REQUEST TO HOLD THREE (3) JAZZ CONCERTS AS FUNDRAISERS, ALL EVENTS TO BE TICKETED FOR AGES 21 AND ABOVE, AND TO INCLUDE CASH BAR TO SELL WINE AND BEER, ONLY.**

- 1) WINE AND ROSES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008, FROM 6:30-9:00 P.M.**
- 2) RHYTHM IN THE RAINFOREST, SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008, FROM 6:30-9:00 P.M.,**
- 3) JINGLIN’ JAZZ, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008, FROM 6:30-9:00 P.M.**

**Motion seconded by Trustee Petty and carried on the following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy voting “Aye,” no “Nays”. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**HISRA REVISED 2007 ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT:**

Staff presented articles for approval. The articles have been modified to include the Washington Park District. With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO APPROVE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT REVISED 2007, THE HEART OF ILLINOIS SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson.**

**HISRA  
REVISED 2007  
ARTICLES OF  
AGREEMENT:**

Discussion followed regarding participation level for member districts. Director Hogan reported Chillicothe Park District will pay the same amount in 2008. All other member districts will pay equally.  
**Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PEORIA CHIEFS REQUEST TO USE THE RIVERPLEX ARENA FOR CHICAGO CUBS CARAVAN, INCLUDES SALE OF BEER**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM PEORIA CHIEFS BASEBALL ORGANIZATION FOR USE OF THE RIVERPLEX RECREATION ARENA FOR THEIR ANNUAL CHICAGO CUBS CARAVAN SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008, 4:30 -9:00 P.M. THE RIVERPLEX HAS FACILITATED THIS EVENT THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE CHIEFS WILL BE PRE SELLING ADMISSION TICKETS AND WILL USE BARRACKS CATERING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF BEER. THE CHIEFS WILL PAY THE STANDARD OF \$165 PER HOUR FOR THE ARENA. Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**AGENDA ITEM  
WITHDRAWN:**

**REQUEST FOR USE OF RIVERPLEX ARENA FOR FUNDRAISER, THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS BLACK EXPO**

Staff reported this request had been withdrawn.

**REQUEST FOR USE OF RIVERPLEX ARENA FOR HIP-HOP WORKSHOP**

With staff recommendation, **VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM SO III PRODUCTIONS OF BLOOMINGTON TO USE RIVERPLEX ARENA TO CONDUCT HIP-HOP WORKSHOP AND DANCE COMPETITION ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008 FROM 1:00-7:00 P.M.. A FEE FOR THE WORKSHOP AND THE DANCE COMPETITION, AS WELL AS A SPECTATOR FEE FOR THE DANCE COMPETITION WILL BE CHARGED. A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE DIABETES PEDIATRIC RESOURCE CENTER. Motion seconded by Trustee Allen.**

Discussion followed. Vice President Cummings suggested this type of program could be based at River Plex. Superintendent Wheeler agreed, noting staff is currently working to create a concept for programming at RiverPlex to address the immediate issue of childhood obesity; incorporating the benefits of exercise and cardio health. President Cassidy noted this type of spin-off programming wouldn't be possible without the RiverPlex, and this program just points out how the District needs these types of facilities.

**MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**CALENDAR OF  
CONSENT:**

**BID: 2008 PAPER GOODS**

With staff recommendation, **TRUSTEE HANCOCK MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASES AS FOLLOWS FROM LOWEST COST VENDORS IDENTIFIED BELOW:**

<u>FIRM</u>	<u># Items</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Geo. O. Pasquel	5	\$ 4,648.50
Vonachen-AmSan	4	\$19,663.50
Kaeb Sanitary	5	\$ 8,008.85
Clark Foodservice	5	\$ 7,763.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$40,084.71</b>

Motion seconded by Trustee Ryan and **carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

President Cassidy opened the floor for citizens to address the Board.

**Steve Katlack, 709 E. Frye, Peoria**

Mr. Katlack thanked trustees for last year's vote on the school issue. Now School District #150 has voted to build a new school at the site of the Glen Oak Primary School. Mr. Katlack stated his perceptions regarding the East Bluff in the next 5 to 10 years.

**Robert Anderson, 2429 N. Lehman Road, Peoria**

Mr. Anderson spoke of golf season pass fees and his perception of high fees for golf course users without a season pass. President Cassidy thanked Mr. Anderson for his comments.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications were received as submitted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Trustee Johnson asked that photos of Trewyn Pavilion be included in future Park District Play Books.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:03 P.M., C.S.T., upon conclusion of agenda items, **VICE PRESIDENT CUMMINGS MOVED TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER 2 C)(1), FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY; THE BOARD TO ADJOURN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried on following roll call vote: Trustees Allen, Hancock, Johnson, Petty, Ryan, Vice President Cummings and President Cassidy voting "Aye," no "Nays". (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

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V. Joyce McLemore  
Secretary, Board of Trustees