

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, OCTOBER 25, 2006 AT THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, GLEN OAK PAVILION, 2218 N. PROSPECT ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

President Cassidy presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Director Noble, Attorney Konsky, Secretary McLemore, Mike Baietto, Jan Budzynski, Becky Fredrickson, Chief James, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalessie Pie, Bill Roeder, Bill Woolard, Dave Wheeler, Matt Anderson, Derrick Brown, Ray Boyer, Carl Cannon, Brittany Davis, Robbie Dobelstein, Mike Friberg, Dale Goodner, John Gostele, David Gray, Linda Huff, Sarah Jones, Vikki Krizman, Valerie Marek, Carolyn Matthews, Jonelle McCloud, LaEisha Meaderds, Mike Miller, Tom Miller, Steve Montez, Scott Pepino, Dave Schmidt, Jan Schweitzer, Gretchen Shearer, Lori Slusser, Bob Streitmatter, Yvonne Strode, Mary Toel, Deborah Totten, Brent Wheeler, Sue Wheeler and Lisa Ullenius.

PRESS PRESENT: Eliot Brown, *Journal Star*.

OTHERS PRESENT: Shirley Brown, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood, 307 E. Thrush Ave, Peoria, 61603; Jim Combs, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood, 212 E. Arcadia, Peoria 61603; Maleita M. King, Glen Oak Park Neighborhood, 1110 E. Arcadia, Peoria 61603; Bob Nelson, 12142 Tall Trees Drive, Dunlap 61525; Martin Palmer, President, East Bluff United Neighborhood Association, 1706 N. California, Peoria 61603; Nancy Shadid, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood, 114 E. Arcadia, Peoria 61603; Rose Sullivan, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood, 321 E. Thrush, Peoria 61603; Oneita Volz, League of Women Voters.

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

MINUTES: No corrections or additions and **TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED APPROVAL FOR MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2006 RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Pass; Trustees Budzinski and Ryan being absent from the meeting.)**

STAFF REPORTS: None.

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

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GENERAL	65,140.83
RECREATION	34,300.45
LIABILITY	70,749.61
MUSEUM	5,024.13
POLICE	2,034.27
WORKMAN'S COMP. & UNEMPLOY	75,900.64
BONDED PROJECTS	42,061.14
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	10,838.72
DETWEILLER MARINA	773.22
GOLF	17,541.85
HISRA	952.01
RIVERPLEX	45,983.87
TOTAL PAYABLES	371,400.74
TOTAL PAYROLL #21 10/20/2006	415,330.29

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

Minutes of the October 18, 2006 Finance Committee were presented.

JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE: Trustee Allen presented draft minutes of the September 28, 2006 meeting. It was noted the Joint Operations Committee had reviewed the Proposed 2007 Budget for RiverPlex. The Committee is recommending approval For the budget to Park Board Trustees.

A change in the 2007 meeting schedule was noted. The committee will meet quarterly, with meetings being held in January, March, June and September 2007.

Trustee Roger Allen was elected to serve as Chairperson of the Committee for a one-year term.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: President Cassidy invited anyone wishing to address the Board to do so.

CITIZEN REQUEST

**TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:
(continued)**

MARTIN PALMER, 1706 N. California, Peoria IL

Mr. Palmer identified himself as President of East Bluff United Neighborhood Association, an organization working to help improve the East Bluff neighborhood and consisting of President, Secretary, Treasurer with 40 active members.

Mr. Palmer congratulated trustees for revisiting and speaking out about District #150's new school project, and opening the discussion to the public. Palmer spoke of perception regarding over use of the park.

President Cassidy stated the Park Board would keep Mr. Palmer and other interested neighbors posted regarding discussion of the school project at a December 13, 2006 meeting to be held at Glen Oak Primary School. **President Cassidy requested a press release be sent to announce the discussion.**

MALITA KING, 1110 E. Arcadia, Peoria IL

Mrs. King spoke as a member of the Glen Oak Park Neighborhood Association. Mrs. King stated her preference to keep Glen Oak Park as park, not a zoo or school.

JIM COMBS, 212 E. Arcadia, Peoria IL

Mr. Combs spoke as a citizen of the East Bluff and stated Glen Oak Park is a very important part of the East Bluff and he does not want to see it over occupied. Mr. Combs stated his preference to see green in the park and not to lose it.

Trustee Cummings thanked Mr. Combs for attending the meeting but Cummings believes there were misperceptions in the neighborhood from the very beginning.

The Park Board has not approved a site plan or approved the building of a school in Glen Oak Park. District. Cummings believes the neighbor's misperceptions should be carried to District #150.

President Cassidy thanked everyone for their comments and reiterated when the school issue is discussed at an upcoming Park Board meeting it will only be discussed as Peoria Park District issue and the impact of the project on Glen Oak Park.

ROSE SULLIVAN, 321 E. Thrush, Peoria IL

Mrs. Sullivan spoke of the active involvement of neighbors within East Bluff. Neighbors do want to keep Glen Oak Park as it is.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were received as submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

FY-2007 BUDGET REVIEW: Upon conclusion of agenda items, the Board reviewed proposed FY-2007 budgets.

Director's 2007 Budget Message

Director Noble presented a proposed balanced budget for consideration. Noble noted , "The 2007 budget as presented maintains the District's solid financial position and reflects...

- during the 5-year period of 2002 through 2007, the District will have reduced its outstanding debt by \$3,562,500, or 21%
- the District will have used less than 65% of its non-referendum general obligation bonding authority
- the District's outstanding debt will be less than 20% of the maximum debt limit allowable under state statute."

Superintendent of Finance Budget Report

Superintendent Budzynski stated, "For the 2007 budget, the aggregate levy which is the funding for daily operating expenses is recommended to increase 4.97% or \$437,667." It was noted the largest projected increases in 2007 will be utilities, in addition to wages, health insurance, supplies, etc. Assuming a 5.5% increase in the EAV, the tax rate is projected to increase three quarters of one cent.

RECREATION DIVISION

Superintendent Mantick began with a PowerPoint presentation of his division's programming.

Superintendent Mantick presented brief overview of the Recreation Division Budget.

2007 Proposed Recreation Division Synopsis:

- staff will continue to work effectively with Peoria Public Schools in offering and coordinating programs and services.
- Owens Center requesting an additional full-time custodian
- fees and charges have been reviewed, with select activities being recommended for increases
- a request for additional part-time staffing at Logan Center in anticipation of the water playground operating expected to open Summer 2007
- an added age group is included in the youth soccer budget
- critical evaluation of programs and services throughout the Division will result in requested alteration of service hours within departments

FY-2007 BUDGET
REVIEW (continued):

Arts & Leisure Services Department: Supervisor Steve Montez introduced staff members and briefly overviewed departmental

programming operations. WOW Day Camp on East Bluff will be offered again, but instituting a non-resident activity fee. President Cassidy inquired about the 66% increase in revenue projected for Amphitheatre. Supervisor Montez indicated concession price increases account for Amphitheater revenue increase projection.

Athletics & Fitness Department: Supervisor Dave Schmidt presented the department budget. New programming for 2007 will feature a new 4 year-old soccer league in the spring. Fee increases are recommended for youth basketball, PGSL player fees, adult softball and volleyball team fees, and FRC birthday party fee.

Vice President Johnson inquired as to what baseball, softball activities, as well as soccer activities are offered to inner city youth. Discussion followed with trustees offering ideas to staff for promoting inner city sport activities. Discussion followed regarding trends in teen programming. Mantick indicated extreme ("X") game trend is here to stay.

Community and Inner City Services Department: Supervisor Deborah introduced staff members and presented the division budget. The department is working with other organizations in the area, with a major collaboration and partnership with Community Builders. Operational changes recommended for 2007 are Proctor Center Saturday hours, opening at 12 noon and closing at 5 p.m.; and Proctor Center, Monday-Friday, close at 9 p.m. Discussion followed.

Staff was asked to work on "growing" the number of participants at Proctor Center. Discussion followed with staff noting the continuing challenge and competition with other community agencies' programming under-cutting what Proctor Center offers. President Cassidy encouraged trustees to keep in mind that Proctor Center is not a regional facility. People are not coming to Proctor from all over the city.

TRUSTEE CONSENSUS: THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED PROCTOR RECREATION CENTER SHOULD REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 10 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Environmental and Interpretive Department:

Supervisor Dale Goodner introduced staff members and presented the division budget. Staff proposes fee increases at Luthy Garden, the Zoo and Sommer Park.

**FY-2007 BUDGET
REVIEW (continued):**

Proposed Zoo Admission Increases
Adult \$5.95 (from \$5.50)

Fitness Operation:

- \$25 increase in initiation fees for individual/joint memberships
- \$10 increase on non-member Les Mills punch cards (10 visits)
- \$10 increase on non-member land/water group exercise card
- \$10 increase on non-member water aerobics punch card
- \$24 increase in towel service (1 year)
- \$10 increase to both member/non-member AquaPlex birthday parties

Joint Memberships:*

- \$2 increase/month Established Corporate/Regular Corporate/Regular

Individual Memberships:

- \$1 increase/month Established Corporate

Aquatic Memberships:

- \$2.58 increase/month

*New RiverPlex members, only

Recreation/Arena Operation:

- \$5 increase per court/per court for arena rental
- \$3 increase per week Summer Camp Extended Care fee

Assistant General Manager Cannon noted the American Basketball Association's Peoria franchise will play home games in the RiverPlex Arena.

Discussion followed regarding increased membership levels at RiverPlex. Superintendent Wheeler noted with creativity and thoughtful planning, members will have adequate equipment, programs and space.

RIVERFRONT DIVISION

Superintendent Roeder introduced RiverFront Division staff members. RiverFront CEFCU Center Stage at the Landings has become a people magnet and Peoria summer destination for entertainment.

RiverFront objectives for 2007:

- complete staffing levels
- fully implement cost containment strategies
- increase sponsorship levels

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 P.M., D.S.T., TRUSTEE PETTY MOVED TO RECESS THE MEETING AND RESUME REVIEW OF FY-2007 REMAINING BUDGETS AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD TO CONVENE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 5:00 P.M. Motion seconded by

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

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees