

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, DECEMBER 13, 2006 AT LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 700 MARY STREET, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

President Timothy J. 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 Jim Konsky, Ray Boyer, Jan Budzynski, Becky Fredrickson, Dennis Mantick, Cyndy McKone, Shalessie Pie, Brent Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Bill Woolard, Joe Atkinson and V. Joyce McLemore.

PRESS PRESENT:

Kellie Watson and Warren Brinegar, WEEK-TV; Lisa Miller, WMBD-TV; Nishi Gupta and Ryan Eger, WHOI-TV.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Katlack and Mikalynn Katlack, 709 E. Frye; Henry Hein, Glen Oak Park Neighborhood Association, 1104 E. Frye; George Pogue, 3822 N. Harvard; Sherry Englebrecht, Old Towne Historic District, 1003 N.E. Perry; Jenny Hale, East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services, 1839 N. Wisconsin; Anita Milburn, 3016 W. Greenbrier Lane; Lara Aaron, 255 Detweiller Drive; Kenneth Carrigan, 4129 N. Hawthorne Place; Judith A. Aaron, 813 E. Republic; Paul Kelly, 3502 N. Peoria Avenue; Nancy Biggins, HOPC, 2323 N. Maryland; Kathy Jacob, 308 E. Republic; Nancy Ryan, 400 E. Republic; Jim & Nancy Becker, 2015 Grandview Terrace; Mitch & Nancy Mitchell, 1619 N. New York; Paul Wilkinson, Neighborhood Alliance, 2220 N. Sheridan; Jennifer Lura, East Bluff United Neighborhood Association, 419 E. Illinois; Jane Leathers, Peoria Public Schools, 834 N. Cooper; Karrie Alms, 1005 N.E. Perry; Karen Peterson, Assistant Principal, Glen Oak School; Scott Montgomery, Principal, Lincoln Middle School; Merle Widmer; David Walvoord, School District #150; Guy Cahill, School District #150; Bob Manning, City of Peoria; George Jacob, City of Peoria; Lisa Fisher, 1329 Hillcrest Place; C.J. Summer, 1202 N. Institute Place; Rhonda Wise, 1438 E. London; Gene Petty, 3802 N. Molleck Drive; Joe Richey, HOPC, 1412 S.W. Washington; David Crawford, Glen Oak-Flanagan Historic District, 1652 N.E. Glen Oak; Dick Hazen, G.O.P.N.A. 2140 N. Central; Pat Sullivan, HOPC, 100 State; Debbie Brown, Columbia Terrace North Neighborhood Association, 1510 N. Douglas; Mimi McDonald, 3411 W. Kiva Ct.; Beth Akesson, HOPC, 4207 Grandview; Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley; Martin Palmer, EBUNA, 1706 N. California; Anna and David Rogers, 2116 N. Prospect Road; Alicia Butler, School District #150 Board, 1800 W. Barker; Martha Ross, School District #150 Board, 1018 W.R.B. Garrett; Debbie Wolfmeyer, School District #150 Board, 1834 N. California; Mike Meehan, Orchard District, 3400 N. Knoxville; Jim Combs, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood Association, 212 E. Arcadia; Bill and Nancy Shadid, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood Association; 114 E. Arcadia; Sara Partridge, EBUNA, 2207 N. Atlantic; Maleita King, EBUNA, 1110 E. Arcadia; Rose Sullivan, East Bluff Serenity Neighborhood Association, 307 E. Thrush; Paula Lewis, Olde Town Historic District, 712 Evans.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

There being no corrections or additions, **TRUSTEE BUDZINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2006 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD TRUSTEES. Motion seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

BILLS

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

Peoria Park District Thursday, December 07, 2006

GENERAL	366,647.02	
RECREATION	139,311.11	
AUDIT	6,772.50	
LIABILITY	976.07	
MUSEUM	23,768.11	
POLICE		11,307.92
BONDED PROJECTS	942,928.35	
BOND & INTEREST	3,384,585.92	
PAVING & LIGHTING		2,837.10
RIVERFRONT EVENTS	22,017.72	
DETWEILLER MARINA	37,053.37	
GOLF	46,496.94	
HISRA	6,417.44	
RIVERPLEX	46,233.99	
TOTAL PAYABLES:	5,037,353.56	

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

Minutes were presented of the November 15, 2006 Finance Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROJECT

President Cassidy explained the order of presentations for discussion of the Community School Project; presentations to be given by Mrs. Beth Akeson for the Heart of Peoria Commission, followed by School District #150 and then Peoria Park District staff. Following the presentations, the floor would be opened to the public for opportunity to make comment. Both the Park Board and School District personnel will attempt to answer any questions.

Before turning the floor over to presenters, President Cassidy stated it was important to speak to the Park District's process with regard to holding public discussions on the school project. Cassidy outlined the timeline of discussion meetings held with School District #150 staff and Board members prior to March 29. Further, President Cassidy spoke of Board Secretary's mistake in mishandling tape for March 8 closed session.

BETH AKESON, VICE CHAIR OF HEART OF PEORIA COMMISSION

Mrs. Akeson gave a PowerPoint presentation and stated the HOP recommendation that Glen Oak School remain at the present location and be rehabilitated. Mrs. Akeson spoke at length regarding the Commission's position of New Urbanism. Trustees asked questions of Mrs. Akeson following her presentation.

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROJECT (continued):**

**DR. JUDY HELM, EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT,
PEORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #150**

Dr. Helm gave a PowerPoint presentation and overviewed why School District #150 selected the area adjacent to Glen Oak Park for the site of a new Glen Oak Community School.

Superintendent Hinton thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and address trustee concerns regarding this project. Hinton pledged the proposed Glen Oak School site plan would not take away green space in the park, nor touch the Lagoon or the Amphitheatre.

The Board is asking for a decision from the #150 Board as to what current school board members want to do with regard to the proposed school site adjacent to Glen Oak Park.

Trustees posed their individual questions to Superintendent Hinton regarding the project, and weighed in with their concerns.

At 7:55 p.m., President Cassidy called for a brief recess. The public meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

DAVID WHEELER, PEORIA PARK DISTRICT

David Wheeler gave the Park District's PowerPoint presentation regarding the community school project.

President Cassidy then opened the floor for public comment:

PAUL WILKINSON, NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE

Mr. Wilkinson requested to place a letter from the Neighborhood Alliance on the permanent record.

HENRY HEIN, GLEN OAK PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Mr. Hein spoke against building a school adjacent to Glen Oak Park and stated he doesn't believe the park should give up any space because it would lose the goodwill of the park users currently using the park.

JIM COMBS, EAST BLUFF SERENITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Mr. Combs asked for a new school on the East Bluff but he believes the school should be reconstructed at the current Glen Oak School location.

SAVINO SIERRA, 1708 S. STANLEY

Mr. Sierra spoke against building a school adjacent to Glen Oak Park as he believes school should be rebuilt at the current Glen Oak School neighborhood location.

NANCY SHADID, EAST BLUFF SERENITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Shadid spoke against building a school adjacent to Glen Oak Park, Stated her belief the project would encroach on park land. She asked Trustees to save the park.

MARTIN PALMER, EAST BLUFF UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Mr. Palmer stated opposition to building a school at an inner city park, Glen Oak Park.

RICHARD MITCHELL, EAST BLUFF UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Mr. Mitchell spoke against School District #150 plan for placing a school on the outskirts of Glen Oak School neighborhood.

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROJECT (continued):**

DAVID CRAWFORD, GLEN OAK FLANAGAN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Dr. Crawford stated his opposition to building a school adjacent to Glen Oak Park and stated he believes parks should never give up land.

MIKALYNN KATLACK, 709 E. FRYE

Mikalynn, a current student at Glen Oak School, stated her belief the current school location is best for students and the neighborhood.

STEVE KATLACK, 709 E. FRYE

Mr. Katlack asked the Park Board to vote "no" on the proposed school project.

JOE RITCHEY, 1412 S.W. WASHINGTON

Mr. Ritchey commented the school should stay at present site and a park built adjacent to it there.

KEN CARRIGAN, 4129 HAWTHORNE PLACE

Mr. Carrigan spoke against building a school adjacent to Glen Oak Park, citing his concerns for loss of parking space in the park and the importance of retirees in the community.

JEFF AKESON, 4207 GRANDVIEW DRIVE

Dr. Akeson stated it's not only East Bluff residents interested in protection of Glen Oak Park.

MALEITA KING, EAST BLUFF UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Mrs. King stated her belief Glen Oak Park should remain a park, and expanded if possible. Mrs. King believes the current Glen Oak School location is best.

ANNA ROGERS, 2116 N. PROSPECT ROAD

Mrs. Rogers asked for a quick decision from the School District and Park Board on the Glen Oak site because her family needs to get resolution on the School District's offer to purchase their home on Prospect Road.

PAUL KELLY, 3502 N. PEORIA AVENUE

Mr. Kelly stated his suggestion the Park Board purchase the property recently acquired by District #150 for the community school site, to enhance Glen Oak Park.

KARRIE ALMS, 1005 N.E. PERRY

Mrs. Alms spoke against the proposed Glen Oak Park location for a new school. Mrs. Alms further spoke of her concerns for the language in Letter of Intent.

JIM BECKER, 2015 GRANDVIEW TERRANCE

Mr. Becker stated his belief the Park Board should not give up land, because it's the responsibility of Trustees to protect park land.

At 9:35 P.M., President Cassidy thanked everyone for their comments and requested comments from Trustees.

Trustee Allen stated his support for School Superintendent Hinton's vision for a new community school, but mistakes have been made and hopefully this particular problem will be resolved soon.

President Cassidy stated a decision needs to be made, that the anxiety of East Bluff Residents and property owners on Prospect Road requires resolution of this issue.

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROJECT (continued):**

Trustee Cummings stated this controversy has confirmed the fact the Glen Oak Park is an asset to the community and school district. Cummings called upon the School District to convince East Bluff residents that the park site is a good one.

PENDING BUSINESS:

None.

**CITIZEN REQUEST TO
ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Addressed earlier in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:40 P.M., C.S.T., upon conclusion of agenda items, **VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Budzinski and carried on unanimous voice vote. (Results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays)**

V. Joyce McLemore
Secretary, Board of Trustees