

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
January 8, 2009
7:00pm
Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Hill, Harvey, Krueger, Renner, Stanko
Staff Present: Cherveney, Jones, Raica, Mayer, Hughes, Glenn, Nesler
Guests: Dan Peckenpaugh and Fred (PHN Architects), Ian Lamp (Lamp Inc.), Craig Whitney (Pioneer Press)

President Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

There was no public or Commissioner comments.

Cherveney provided an overview of the Community Center Renovation project and indicated that the architects had presented the District with Design Development documents, and an updated project cost estimate from Lamp, Inc. was also provided. Cherveney indicated that the project scope had not changed, and that project cost estimates were still in line with prior estimates.

Jones provided an overview of the items that had been modified from the schematic design that had been approved previously.

Lamp indicated that while estimates were still in line, the sooner the District could get to bid would be better to take advantage of the positive bidding climate that is present in today's economic period.

Motion by Harvey to approve the Design Documents as presented and direct staff to move forward to the Construction Document and Bidding phases; second by Stanko. Roll call vote: Krueger, yes; Hill, yes; Harvey, yes; Renner, yes; Stanko, yes. Motion carried

Cherveney introduced the "Blue Sky" session topic and provided for a brainstorming session on the current issues that Commissioners could comment on. Motion by Stanko to suspend Robert's Rules of Order; second by Harvey. Roll call vote: Krueger, yes; Hill, yes; Harvey, yes; Renner, yes; Stanko, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners asked for an update on current projects and received an update from Cherveney. Individual Commissioners noted the following items during the Blue Sky session, with no action taken on any item:

- During difficult economic times, people will turn to the Park District for “free time” opportunities, whether in a park or through a recreation activity; the District should provide for this to occur and be supportive of the community by not eliminating such opportunities.
- Continue to utilize communications tools and marketing to promote the Park District during economic distress.
- Consider Community-wide Special Events:
 - Concerts
 - Family Movies Nights (Indoor/Outdoor)
 - Corn Maze
 - Camp-Out in the Park
 - Corn Mase
 - Frisbee Golf Course
 - Moonlight Golf (Foundation)
 - Casino Night (Foundation)
- Consider creating a “Bucket List” of activities that could be completed in one night or over the course of the summer.
- Make something we already do well, “better”, or do more of it.
- Follow-through on grant project options, especially in light of potential federal infrastructure spending.
- Consider partnerships in project development or recreation programs.
- Commissioners should expand their legislative contacts.

Motion by Stanko to reinstate Robert’s Rules of Order; second by Renner. Roll call vote: Krueger, yes; Hill, yes; Harvey, yes; Renner, yes; Stanko, yes. Motion carried.

There was no need for closed session.

Motion to adjourn by Hill; second by Stanko. All voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Stephen L. Cherveney, Secretary