

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 8, 2021
7:00 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

Minutes

Board Members Present: Stanko, Renner, Carasso, Frangiamore, Victor.

Staff Present: Jones, Hall, Kelly, Rogus, Hughes and Krueger.

Guests Present: None.

President Renner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Renner asked if there were any matters from the Public, Commissioners, or staff.

There were no matters from the Public.

There were no matters from Commissioners.

Under matters from staff, Jones updated on extending the lease for the Annex space at 855 Feinberg Ct. Jones updated on the roofing bid trade package for the outdoor aquatic facility project and noted that the rebid low bidder was \$30,000 less than the previous low bidder. He stated that a recommendation would be brought to the Board at its July 22, 2021 meeting. Kelly stated that she had been approached by the Chamber staff related to the Park District 50th Anniversary and if Commissioners were interested in serving as the grand marshals for the Merry Cary Parade. The Board responded that they would be interested and honored to serve in this capacity this year.

The minutes from the June 10, 2021 COW meeting were presented for approval.

Stanko moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Carasso.

Voice Vote: Yes – 5. No – None. Motion carried.

The first Direction item for consideration was Commissioner Code of Conduct. Jones stated that this is a Board item and does not come with a staff recommendation. Jones stated that this item is brought before the Board every two years after elections have taken place. Jones stated that in 2019 he had been asked questions related to the Code and he revisited those questions on this occasion. Jones stated that IAPD drafted the Code and still recommends its use in their Board training materials. Jones stated that

IAPD had updated the Code slightly and he noted the two updates from the Code the Board had used in the past.

Renner asked for discussion. Victor, Carasso and Frangiamore all stated that they believed the Code should be updated with the updates from IAPD.

Hearing no more discussion, Renner asked for a motion.

Victor moved to recommend Board of Commissioners approval of the Commissioner Code of Conduct as amended. Second by Frangiamore.

Roll call: Yes – Carasso, Victor, Frangiamore, Renner. No – Stanko. Motion carried.

The first Discussion item was Facility Name – Outdoor Aquatic Facility Project. Jones stated the purpose of the discussion is to get feedback from the Board related to the naming of the Outdoor Aquatic project. Jones reviewed the minutes from January 20, 2020 where the Board previously discussed this item informally. Jones highlighted policy of the Board related to the Naming of Parks and Facilities. Jones stated that this evening no final decision were being requested of the Board, only discussion. He stated that Hughes is conducting similar input sessions with full time and part time staff to get feedback. Jones stated that staff would collect the feedback, reduce it to some common themes and bring the prospective name recommendations to the Board for further consideration at its August 12th COW meeting. Hughes walked the Board through a presentation related to the naming of recreational facilities. Renner asked for discussion.

Carasso stated her preference is for concept #1 or #3. She stated she likes having “Cary-Grove” in the name and prefers the word “community” over “family”. She stated she likes “facility” better than “center”. She stated that she is not sure there is enough of a common theme to pursue concept #3.

Victor stated here preference is for concept #1 or #4. She stated she liked “community” versus “family.”

Frangiamore stated that he prefers a concept not presented by staff, and that concept is to pursue a corporate sponsor, seek a large donation and name the facility after it. He noted that Fox River Grove is not a part of the Park District.

Renner suggested the idea of a “donor wall” in the facility. Renner stated he would leave it to the Foundation to seek out a corporate sponsor. Renner stated he liked concept #3, with a themed name, he stated that he would like to see individual items named as well (lap pool, leisure pool, concession stand). He stated that the Park District already has a facility like this in Foxford Hills Golf Club. Renner stated he likes acronyms for facility names.

Stanko stated that he likes the corporate sponsor idea as well. He stated he likes “community” rather than “family”. He stated that “cary-grove” makes sense to him, rather than dropping “grove”. Stanko stated he was opposed to acronyms, as they become outdated over time. He stated that he likes concept #1 and maybe #2 and #3. Stanko stated that this may or may not be the time to recognize those who have contributed much to the Park District. He noted that Pat and Larry Phalin were instrumental to the Park District’s creation and the development of the current pool. He stated that Larry Phalin was a 20

year Board member as well. He stated that naming the new facility after the Phalin's may be appropriate or it may be its not the right time, but eventually things like this should occur. He noted that the Park District currently has parks named after donors and developers.

Victor stated that she liked the idea of holding a community vote on the name after the Board has reduced the options down to only a few. Carasso agreed with this idea.

Jones thanked the Board for their discussion and feedback. He reviewed that Hughes is conducting similar feedback sessions with full time and part time staff persons. Jones noted that the goals was to return with name options to the COW meeting on August 12th.

Frangiamore moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Stanko.

Voice Vote: Yes – 5. No – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.



Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners