

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 12, 2021
7:00 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

Minutes

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

Staff Present: Jones, Kelly, Rogus, Hughes, Krueger, Raica and Tarosas.

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.

Under matters from Commissioners, Victor reported that the IAPD Conference program committee has been meeting and she is excited for the upcoming IAPD/IPRA Conference to be held January 27-29, 2022. She reported it will be held in person with virtual options. Victor commented on the Senior Newsletter and how informative and neat it was. She asked to receive this in the future. Victor stated she is very excited for the fireworks and is pleased this event will be offered. Carasso provided an update from the Park Foundation, specifically the Foundation's commitment to provide funding to assist with the Aquatic project. She noted that the Foundation will contribute dollars toward the sand volleyball courts and the power pedestals. Carasso stated the Foundation would like to see power pedestals made available to all users of the facility rather than only the renters of the cabanas.

There were no matter from staff.

The minutes from the July 8, 2021 COW meeting were presented for approval.

Frangiamore moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Victor.

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

The first Direction item for consideration was Alternates – Outdoor Aquatic Facility Project.

Renner stated he would like to break this item into two separate tasks, the first being on the funded alternates, #3 and #6 and then on the other alternates. Renner asked for a motion on the funded alternates.

Frangiamore moved to recommend Board acceptance of Alternates #3 and #6. Second by Victor.

Renner asked for discussion. Stanko stated that he is not in favor of the power pedestals and would like the items considered individually.

Stanko moved to amend the motion into two separate motions. There was not second. Renner announced the motion failed for lack of a second.

Renner asked for additional discussion on the motion, hearing none, he asked for a Roll Call vote on the original motion.

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

Renner asked for Board discussion on consideration of additional alternates. Stanko stated that the Board has worked through matters on the project since its inception including consideration of calling it an aquatic facility or a pool, inclusion of slides or no slides and now consideration of additional alternates. Stanko stated that he believes it is time for the Board to step aside from continuing to look at additional alternates and leave decisions to staff. Renner asked Stanko if he was making a motion.

Stanko stated he moved that the Board no longer discuss or consider alternates to the project. (there was no second to this motion, once Board discussion ended the Board moved on from this item and the motion was never considered). Frangiamore stated that he believes that staff should decide if an alternate should be accepted based on the long term interests of the facility and project. Frangiamore stated as example, if the acceptance of an item makes sense because it would eliminate the need for long term maintenance, he believes staff should make that decision. Carasso concurred with Frangiamore, that staff should decide. Carasso stated that if asked this evening she would not vote for any other alternates as it is her feeling that the Board has no further dollars to spend due to already having accepted alternates that exceed the original budget for the project. Victor stated that she agrees with others, but if consideration is given to other alternates she would be interested in #5, 9, 10 and 14. Renner stated that he is of the opinion that no further alternates should be considered because the Board has already committed it dollars in full elsewhere on the project. Renner summarized Board discussion as alternates should no longer be brought before the Board for consideration, unless something significant occurs (like a large donor) and that staff should decide any future alternates to be added to the project as staff deems necessary. The Board acknowledged that they agreed with his statement and summary of Board discussion as direction for staff.

The first Discussion item was the 2022 Levy. Jones stated that this evening the Board would discuss the levy and from the consensus of the discussion, staff would develop a levy for the Board to consider in October. Krueger introduced past practices and options for the Board to consider regarding the development of the levy for 2022. She highlighted the CPI, current and history, EAV and commented on a projection of costs is difficult due to both COVID-19 and the new aquatic facility that would be running next FY. Krueger noted that TIF 1 of the Village of Cary is set to expire, and that the increment from the tax would be captured as new growth. Krueger highlighted upcoming Board discussion on an

update to its Action Plan associated with its Comprehensive Master Plan and the many items and projects that are expected to be discussed that will require funding sources. Finally she reviewed three options for the levy for consideration by the Board.

After discussion, Renner asked for a straw poll from Commissioners on their option preference. Commissioners Frangiamore, Carasso, Victor and President Renner all favored Option 1, while Stanko favored Option 2. Renner stated that the direction for staff based on consensus of the majority of the Board was for Option 1. Krueger stated that staff would return in October with a levy request based on Option 1.

The next Discussion item was Facility Name – Outdoor Aquatic Facility Project. Hughes reviewed past discussion on this item that was conducted on July 8th. Hughes reviewed comments from Commissioners received that evening. Hughes reviewed the results of three staff workshops she conducted in the past weeks. She work shopped a total of 53 staff persons including pool staff. Hughes stated that the overwhelming opinion from these workshops was for Option 3, a branded or thematic name. Hughes stated that she reviewed the Cary-Grove Chamber business directory and noted that 47 businesses or public agencies had names that included the name Cary or Cary Grove. Hughes stated that the Park District has a wonderful opportunity, a once in a lifetime opportunity, to name this facility something special. She stated that a branded name will allow more creativity from staff in the marketing of the facility, naming of certain things in the facility and attracting users to the facility.

Renner asked for discussion. All Commissioners stated they agreed with a branded, stylized and thematic name. Jones stated that based on the consensus of discussion this evening, staff will return to the COW meeting on September 9 with names for the Board to consider.

Frangiamore moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Carasso.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners