

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Decennial Committee of Local Government Efficiency
August 24, 2023
7:00 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Rd.
Cary, Illinois

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Victor called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

II. ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Upon roll call the following Commissioners answered present: Mr. Jones, Mr. Frangiamore, Mr. Renner, Mr. Stanko, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Barklow, Mrs. Victor.

Staff Present

Staff present: Sara Kelly, Deputy Director; Becky Horn, Administrative and Recreation Assistant.

Guests Present

Mike Linsner, Jenay DiOrio, Laura & Al Tuman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC, COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR STAFF

There were no matters from the Public.

There were no matters from Committee Members.

There were no matters from Staff.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

V. ACTION ITEMS

V.A. Consider – Committee Meeting Schedule

Jones asked to start with the discussion item Orientation – Committee Purpose, Work and Outcome first before the committee considers a meeting schedule.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI.A. Orientation – Committee Purpose, Work and Outcome.

Jones started the discussion by giving an overview of the committee that was formed on May 11, 2023 by the Park District Board of Commissioners and the Local Government Efficiency Act, which requires units of local government that levy any tax to form a committee to study local government efficiencies and provide a report to the county board in which the unit of local government is located, except municipalities and counties which are exempt from the Act. He explained the committee must include the elected or appointed members of the governing board of the governmental unit, at least two residents of the governmental unit appointed by the board president and approved by the Board, and the chief executive officer or other officer of the governmental unit. Jones stated the purpose of the committee is to (1) study the governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, procedures, intergovernmental agreements, etc., (2) collect data, research, and analysis as necessary to provide a written report that includes recommendations with respect to increased accountability and efficiency, and (3) provide a written report no later than 18 months after the formation of the committee to the administrative office of the county board of each county in which the governmental unit is located. He further stated the committee is required to meet at least three times and must be a public meeting held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Jones explained at the conclusion of each meeting, the committee must conduct a survey of residents who attended the meeting and ask for input on matters discussed at the meeting. Victor asked the committee if there were any questions, hearing none, the committee moved forward with scheduling the next three meetings. The Committee agreed to schedule meetings at 6:15pm on February 22, 2024, June 27, 2024, and October 24, 2024.

Jones moved to approve February 22, 2024, June 27, 2024, and October 24, 2024 as the meeting schedule for the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency for the Cary Park District. Second by Stanko.

Voice Call vote: Yes- 7. No- 0. Motion carried

VI.B. Review Draft Agency Report

Jones reviewed the agency report with the Committee, noting this is a rough draft and some brief information was populated to give the Committee an idea of what the report will look like.

Renner commented about adding the award for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association to the list of agency awards. Murphy asked if the Village of Cary waives any fees the Park District is responsible for, things such as permits, etc. Jones responded typically no, they don't waive fees. Stanko stated he had a few additions for the report to make note of:

1. Page 6, under Providing the Community More with Less – The Park District serves municipalities and a large portion of unincorporated McHenry County.
2. Page 10, under Partnerships or Other Interrelationships with Non-Profits – Add Cary Area Library and Rotary Club of Cary Grove.
3. Page 16-17, under Facilities – adding important information to certain locations listed to capture all aspects of each location. For example, identifying Sands Main Street Prairies as an IL Nature Preserve, Wallace Farm, etc.
4. Page 18, under Other Benefits – adding information about our bike trails connecting to other communities and destinations outside of our local communities. Information about our Parks and Open Spaces providing wildlife habitats and corridors.
5. Page 22, under Opportunities for Savings such as Energy Efficiency Projects – adding the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program and the propane conservation program.

Victor commented about adding the Cary Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association to the Partnerships or Other Interrelationships with Non-Profits section on page 6.

VII. Post Meeting Survey

Victor asked the public in attendance if they had any comments. Jenay DiOrion stated she felt the Park District lacks with public communication. She suggested the Park District provide hard copies of the meeting packet so the public attendees can follow along throughout the discussion and understand what is being reviewed by the Committee. She also suggested the Park District film their meetings and post online for community members to watch, just as the Village and School Board does.

Victor asked for any other comments, hearing none, Victor asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Jones to adjourn. Second by Renner.

Voice vote: Yes – 7. No – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.



Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners