

**DeKalb Park District  
Study Session  
July 12, 2007**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Dave Male, Commissioner Joan Berkes Hanson. Commissioners Dave Mason, Mike Teboda and Matt Volk were absent.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Executive Director Cindy Capek and Asst. Director Brad Garrison.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None.

President Male called the July 12, 2007 Study Session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1. Prairie Pathways Development**

Director Capek reviewed the proposed plans for the Prairie Pathways development. She presented concept drawings from August 2006, December 2006, and the most current plans of June 2007 noting that very little had changed with regard to the proposed park sites. One park had been expanded to 19 acres, the nature park was removed and modified as a school/park site and there was a new 10 acre park site added. The developers continue to ask the District to provide credit for the pathways and consideration of the town center lake site.

Director Capek informed the Board that there had been no contact by the developers with regard to the letter sent June 28 highlighting the fact that the land dedication was not being met, the concern with regard to the park adjacent to the Com Ed lines and lastly that the position of the Board had not changed with regard to the pathways and town center lake.

The Board had no change in their position and felt that it was the responsibility of the developer to follow up with the District.

**2. Expanded Use of Hopkins band shell**

Director Capek reviewed her memo with regard to new programming at the Hopkins band shell next summer. Entertainers would be invited to submit CD's or tapes to be considered for Thursday evening family events. Entertainers would not be paid; however; a best of DeKalb contest would be held with a small cash prize. The Board was in agreement with the concept and directed staff to proceed.

**3. Request for a Memorial Bench**

The Board reviewed Mary Gawry's request to purchase a memorial bench for her son Ben to be placed on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole of River Heights Golf Course. They were supportive of the request.

**4. Request from DeKalb Library**

Dee Coover, Director of the DeKalb Library, has requested the use of Hopkins Park for a small bonfire on October 6, 2007 to focus on the book Fahrenheit 451 and a month long program to engage the community to read. The event will be coordinated with the District by the Library and a DeKalb fire fighter and will be similar in size to a campfire. Books will be burned that are of no value. The activity will take place in the afternoon.

The Board was in support of the request.

There were no other items for discussion. The Study Session ended at 6:30 p.m.

**DeKalb Park District  
Public Meeting  
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**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Executive Director Cindy Capek and Asst. Director Brad Garrison.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

President Male called the July 12, 2007 public meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Teboda made a motion to approve the July 12, 2007 agenda. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously in favor.

**III. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Commissioner Hanson made a motion to approve the June 14, 2007 study session and public meeting Board minutes. Commissioner Teboda seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously in favor.

**IV. Correspondence**

Secretary Mike Teboda reviewed the correspondence. He commented on the \$5,000 grant the District received from the Paul Newman Foundation for the movies in the parks and the complimentary letter for Scott deOliveira.

**V. Business from the Floor.**

There was no business from the floor.

**VI. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**VII. New Business**

There was no new business.

**VIII. Financial Reports**

**A. Payroll and Contractual**

There were no questions.

**B. Purchase Orders**

Commissioner Teboda asked whether or not the District had made payment for the surfacing of the tennis courts. Staff explained that the project would be complete and that the purchase order listed was for an encumbered expense, and not actual payment.

### **C. Vouchers**

The Board reviewed and approved the voucher list of bills totaling \$188,885.94

### **D. Budget/Actual Report**

Commissioner Teboda commented that it appeared that the pool and golf course facilities were doing well this summer.

## **IX. Committee and Staff Reports**

### **A. IAPD-Dave Mason**

Commissioner Mason was absent. Director Capek noted that the next IAPD event was the Legislative Golf Outing. Commissioners Male and Mason will be in attendance as well as Representative Bob Pritchard.

Commissioner Hanson said she was very pleased with the education program she attended that was conducted by IAPD. The IAPD Boot Camp was an orientation program for new commissioners. Commissioner Hanson said she obtained good written material.

### **B. Ellwood House-Museum-Dave Male**

Commissioner Male inquired about the status of repairs to Ellwood House. Assistant Director Garrison said that the repairs to the railing would be done in steps in an effort not to disrupt operations or overall appearance of the museum.

Commissioner Male also commented on the success of the Art Show that was held July 1. He complimented staff on how well the grounds looked.

### **C. Plan Commission-Mike Teboda**

The city cancelled the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **D. Nehring Center-Matt Volk**

Commissioner Male read Commissioner Volk's report. Jess Witte has resigned her position. The intent is to hire a new coordinator to begin mid to late August.

Harold Kafer will develop a list of candidates; Executive Director Capek will assist with the interviews. Also, a new Friends Brochure and Sponsorship packet has been developed and should be finalized within the next few months.

### **E. Staff Reports**

Assistant Director Garrison said that he is proceeding with the implementation of the Lighting Grant project, the re-surfacing of the Hopkins tennis courts in August and a variety of summer projects.

Director Capek reminded the Board of the upcoming Strategic Planning meetings scheduled for August 14 and 20<sup>th</sup> and commented on the material that had been distributed for the Board to review prior to the meeting.

## **XII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Teboda made a motion to adjourn the July 16, 2007 Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously in favor.