

ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2010

President Douglas J. Brooks called the January 12, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Rockford Park District to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Rockford Park District Board Room, 401 South Main Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Armstrong, Brooks (presiding), Brown, Martin, Smith

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2010-O-1 – 2010 Annual Budget & Appropriation

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong, that the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public input regarding Ordinance 2010-O-1 – 2010 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance be open at this time. The proposed Ordinance 2010-O-1 - 2010 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance will be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for their approval at the January 26, 2010 Board Meeting.

The following citizens and two (2) camp participants addressed the Board supporting the Totally Arts Camp which is proposed to be eliminated in the 2010 budget:

1. Ann Rundall, Principal/Haskell School
2. Judy Moe, 1931 Old Orchard Court, Rockford, Illinois
3. Ms. Erica Carroll, 1816 Latham Street, Rockford, Illinois
4. Nasir El-Shabazz, 41 Briar Lane, Rockford, Illinois
5. Mirakle Rundall, 713 Stiles Parkway, Rockford, Illinois

In response to a question regarding citizens/friends stepping up to the plate to work with the Park District to raise funds for the Totally Arts Camp, Mrs. Rundall indicated arts supporters would definitely assist the Park District.

Motion by Commissioner Armstrong, seconded by Commissioner Brown, that the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2010-O-1 – 2010 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance be closed at 5:12 p.m.

Approved by the unanimous voice vote of Commissioners present: 5 Ayes (Armstrong, Brooks, Brown, Martin, Smith), 0 Absent, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

Board President Douglas J. Brooks returned to the regular Board Meeting Agenda.

Awards & Recognition

Melvin Schlueter Award from Booker Washington Community Center

The Melvin Schlueter Award for “Family Unity Through Recreation” was awarded to the Rockford Park District at the Booker Washington Community Center’s 93rd Annual Banquet. Commissioner Martin, who attended the banquet, presented the award to Board President Douglas J. Brooks and the Board of Commissioners.

Special Presentation from Charlie Sarver/Friends of Lockwood

Charlie Sarver, Friends of Lockwood volunteer presented to the Board of Commissioners a gift of \$2,000 that was donated anonymously towards the creation of an indoor riding arena located at Lockwood Park.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Board approve the December 8, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Approved by the unanimous voice vote of Commissioners present: 5 Ayes (Armstrong, Brooks, Brown, Martin, Smith), 0 Absent, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

Discussion - Rockford Park District Foundation Strategic Planning

The Board of Commissioners endorsed the attached strategic planning document with one addition: future phases of the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens. This strategic planning document provides a tool whereby the Rockford Park District Foundation would be aligned with the Park District’s goals by seeking philanthropic support for its projects and programs whereby enhancing awareness of the District’s benefit to the community (Attachment A).

Resolution 2010-R-1 Property Tax Abatement for Absolute Fire Protection

Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, that the Board approve Resolution 2010-R-1 Property Tax Abatement for Absolute Fire Protection (Attachment B).

In conjunction with this action, staff will be reviewing the Park District's Resolution 2002-R-10 Authorizing and Directing an Abatement of a Portion of Taxes Levied on Certain Property in an Enterprise Zone.

Approved by voice vote of Commissioners present: 4 Ayes (Armstrong, Brooks, Brown, Martin), 0 Absent, 0 Nays, 1 (Smith) Abstain.

Discussion – 2010 Annual Budget & Appropriation

The 2010 Annual Budget, Ordinance 2010-O-1, and Certification of Estimates of Revenue listing the complete detail of the proposed 2010 Budget was distributed at the December 8, 2009 Board Meeting.

At this time, the Board received additional information from staff relative to questions received regarding Magic Waters lifeguards and the proposed elimination of the Eco Factor Program at Atwood Environmental Center. The Board also received copies of a letter from a citizen with budget questions. Staff will respond in writing with copies to the Board of Commissioners.

The 2010 Annual Budget & Appropriation will be presented to the Board for approval at the January 26, 2010 Board Meeting

Board Governance – Monitoring Reports

Board Members affirmed by **Roll Call Vote** that they had received and read the following reports, that the Executive Director had provided a reasonable interpretation of the policies, and the information in the report conformed to the Executive Director's interpretation and showed achievement:

- 2.1 Treatment of Customers
 - 2.2 Treatment of Staff
- 2.3 Financial Planning/Budgeting
- 2.4 Financial Condition & Activities
- 2.4.13 Eleven Month Operational Analysis
 - 2.5A Asset Protection
 - 2.5B Capital Improvement Program
- 2.6 Emergency Executive Succession
- 2.11 Religious Practices & Activities

Closed Session

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Board hold a Closed Session for the Purpose of the Board discussing the Purchase of Real Property Section 2 (c) (5) Illinois Open Meetings Act

Approved by unanimous roll call vote. 5 Ayes (Armstrong, Brooks, Brown, Martin, Smith), 0 Absent, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain

The Board was in Closed Session from 6:15 p.m. until 7:20 p.m.

Open Session

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong, that the Board return to Open Session.

Approved by the unanimous voice vote of Commissioners present: 5 Ayes (Armstrong, Brooks, Brown, Martin, Smith), 0 Absent, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

Board President Douglas J. Brooks stated the Board met in Closed Session for the purpose of the Board discussing the Purchase of Real Property Section 2 (c) (5) Illinois Open Meetings Act. The Board took no action on this matter.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Commissioner Brown, and seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved by the unanimous voice vote of Commissioners present. 5 Ayes (Armstrong, Brooks, Brown, Martin, Smith), 0 Absent, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Neville, Assistant Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tyler Smith, Secretary

Jack L. Armstrong, Vice-President

ATTACHMENTS

Item

Subject

A

Rockford Park District Foundation Strategic Planning Document

B

Resolution 2010-R-1 Property Tax Abatement for Absolute Fire Protection