



MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2015 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Kryger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following commissioners were present: Commissioners Montgomery, Berntsen, Piotrowski, and Kryger.

(Commissioner Saunderson 6:37 p.m.)

Staff Present: Executive Director Reiner, Superintendent of Business and Communications Connie Murphy, Superintendent of Recreation Sara Venuto, Manager of Parks and Facilities Don Nuenthel, Early Childhood Programs and Services Coordinator Karin Paral, Recreation Supervisor Erika Rubo, and Administrative Coordinator Oona Kelly.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Piotrowski made a motion to approve the Agenda for March 12, 2015; seconded by Commissioner Berntsen.

Discussion: There was no discussion at this time.

Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously:

AYES: 4 (Commissioners Montgomery, Berntsen, Piotrowski, and Kryger)

NAYS: None

INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS AND STAFF

Michelle Kelly and Heath Wright from Upland Design and Dave Gierhahn, Resident.

AMMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to amend the Agenda for March 12, 2015 and bring forward the Upland Design presentation; seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski.

Discussion: There was no discussion at this time.

Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously:

AYES: 4 (Commissioners Montgomery, Berntsen, Piotrowski, and Kryger)

NAYS: None

SPECIAL REPORT

Michelle Kelly and Heath Wright presented Upland Design's business philosophy and history and the company's approach to the park planning process and answered the Board's questions.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION – FY 2015-2016

Director Reiner presented a detailed overview of the preliminary 2015-2016 budget including general and special funds and responded to commissioner questions.

Director Reiner answered questions from the board members and discussions took place regarding specific areas of interest or concern. The Board was complimentary regarding the thoroughness of the Budget presentation for 2015-2016.

Chairperson Kryger asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 as presented. The motion was made by Commissioner Saunderson; seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski.

Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously:

AYES: 5 (Commissioners Montgomery, Berntsen, Piotrowski, Saunderson, and Kryger)

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – February 12, 2015

Commissioner Saunderson made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 12, 2015; seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski.

Discussion: There was no discussion at this time.

Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously:

AYES: 5 (Commissioners Montgomery, Berntsen, Piotrowski, Saunderson, and Kryger)

NAYS: None

COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no other Comments and Communications at this time.

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no topics from the floor at this time.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – February 2015

Commissioner Piotrowski made a motion to accept the February 2015 Financial Report; seconded by Commissioner Saunderson.

Director Reiner explained that the Hoffman Park OSLAD grant funds currently appear in the receivables, but will be zeroed out in the future due to the recent receipt and deposit of these funds.

Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously:

AYES: 5 (Commissioners Montgomery, Berntsen, Piotrowski, Saunderson)

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS–Approval of Claims List – February 2015

Commissioner Saunderson made a motion to approve the Disbursements of February 2015; seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski.

Discussion: There was no further discussion on this item at this time.

Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously:

AYES: 5 (Commissioners Montgomery, Berntsen, Piotrowski, Saunderson, and Kryger)

NAYS: None

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the thoroughness of the budget and staff's responsibility in containing costs.

DIRECTOR'S AND OPERATIONS REPORT

a.) Director's Administration and Parks Report

- Grants have been suspended by the governor. We will continue to work aggressively on this and be very visible in Springfield.
- NEDSRA is interviewing Director candidates.
- Our contract with Design Perspectives has been terminated gracefully.
- Director Reiner highlighted a memo included in the board packet regarding April upcoming budget amendments.
- The children's washroom project has made a big impact and has been very well-received by our small participants.

b.) Business and Communications Report

- Connie expressed her confidence in Erika's transition into new roles at the district and thanked staff for all of their efforts.

c.) Recreation Report

- The decision to discontinue participation in Raider camps did not significantly impact our revenues.
- We will continue to work with the swim team to develop fundraising opportunities.

d.) Early Childhood Report

- Registration for 2015-2016 preschool is ongoing. KinderCorral is full and PlaySchoolers and ToddlerTime are on pace with our expectations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to be discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve Resolution #15-3-1: "A Resolution Adopting and Authorizing the Filing of a Tentative Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016," seconded by Commissioner Saunderson.

Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously:

AYES: 5 (Commissioners Montgomery, Berntsen, Piotrowski, Saunderson, and Kryger)

NAYS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 8:48 p.m. Commissioner Saunderson moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed:

AYES: 5 (Commissioners Montgomery, Berntsen, Piotrowski, Saunderson, and Kryger)
NAYS: None

PRESIDENT _____

BOARD SECRETARY _____