

Minutes of a Workshop Session of the Board of
Park Commissioners of the Downers Grove Park
District held on November 5, 2020 via Zoom Conferencing

Before roll call Executive Director, Bill McAdam read that the meeting will be conducted by audio or video conference without a physically present quorum of the Downers Grove Park District Board of Commissioners because of the disaster relief. Bill McAdam asked each Board member if they can hear and see everyone in the Zoom conference. All Board Members confirmed.

Call to Order Commissioner Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Dahlstrom, Kotula, Mahoney, McDonnell; Executive Director, Bill McAdam; Director of Parks and Planning, Geoff Penman; Director of Recreation, Dave Haring; Director of Finance & Technology, Erik Brown; Director of Marketing & Community Engagement, Dawn Hartman; Director of Human Resources, Marian Olund; Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle; Superintendent of Technology, Chris Kapus; Clerk, Adine Lenon

ABSENT: None * * * *

Changes to the Agenda: None

Visitors: Leland Wagner, Principal of Pierce Downer Elementary School, Downers Grove. Mr. Wagner wanted to introduce himself to the Park District and to thank the Downers Grove Park District for the support given to the Elementary students.

Written Correspondence: None

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

WALNUT PARK MASTER PLANNING – Bill McAdam discussed when the Park District purchased the last of the property on Walnut Street, staff talked about looking at Master Planning in needs for the community to eventually be developed on this property. We talked about Walnut on and off with the community in the last few years and thought it was a good time, with COVID, of what we have pulled together. In the board packet, there are two memos. The first memo explains data from the Lakota Group, interviews and focus meetings. The 2nd memo is from Anna Kish and Dave Haring and is a field usage study. Bill mentioned that the Park District has a concern with Fall, Winter and Spring sports all happening in the Spring and we will not be able to accommodate all sports. This discussion will be a focus on the Walnut property, the assessments that were made and what the community and staff will want at that location. Commissioner Mahoney remembered an assessment being done before 2017 and thinks that if the Board can look that one over it would complement the 2017 assessment. This way, another assessment will not have to be done. Paul Fyle will find the 2003 assessment and have it for the Board to look over. Commissioner Mahoney also mentioned that thinking about options and amenities at Walnut Park is to look into a top-of-the-line walking path - that is wider and has room for two separate paths depending on space. For the perimeter of the property that would be a good amenity to have there. She also thinks having access to a bathroom facility adjacent or close to fields would be helpful. Going inside the facility, a gymnastics area would be good. Of course, basketball, turf fields and the obvious things. Don't know if an inside walking area could be accomplished too. Commissioner Dahlstrom loves the usage study. He thinks Walnut Park is an opportunity for tomorrow. Prudent to ask public on what they want. Commissioner McDonnell understands and appreciates what an undertaking this is. Find a way that feels the pulse of the community and what the Board isn't thinking of. Bill McAdam thinks there could be a fun way to ask the community to get feedback. Commissioner Kotula would like additional community feedback. Bill McAdam will challenge the Marketing team to come up with ideas. Commissioner Mahoney commented that the field usage study was very helpful and illustrates on how complex it is to work with one season. Hopefully it can be updated on annual basis so we can see how things change season to season. Bill McAdam thanked Anna and Dave on a fabulous job on the field usage study.

MISCELLANEOUS – None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner McDonnell and seconded by Commissioner Kotula

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDonnell, Kotula, Dahlstrom, Mahoney
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner McDonnell and seconded by Commissioner Kotula.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDonnell, Kotula, Dahlstrom, Mahoney
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Kotula, Secretary
Downers Grove Park District



DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT

November 5, 2020 via Zoom Conferencing

(in-person location is at the Admin Building – Please note this is a location change).

7:00 P.M.

This meeting will be conducted by audio or video conference without a physically present quorum of the Downers Grove Park District Board of Commissioners because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the jurisdiction of the Park District. The President of the Board of Commissioners has determined that an in-person meeting at the Administration Building, 2455 Warrenville Road, with all participants is not practical or prudent because of the disaster, Commissioners, Staff and chief legal counsel will not all be physically present at the Administration Building, due to the disaster. Physical public attendance at the Administration Building may be limited or not feasible, so alternative arrangements for public access to hear the meeting are available here:

Public participation instructions:

Computer Access – Join Zoom Meeting, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83251517864>, Meeting ID: 832 5151 7864

Phone Access, Audio Participation for Chicago Region: 1-312-626-6799 US (Chicago), Meeting ID: 832 5151 7864

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE “RECOGNITION OF VISITORS” PORTIONS OF THE MEETING. FOR EASE YOU MAY ALSO EMAIL YOUR COMMENTS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING TIME AND YOUR COMMENT WILL BE READ ALOUD ON YOUR BEHALF. SEND COMMENTS TO CKAPUS@DGPARKS.ORG. EMAIL CKAPUS@DGPARKS.ORG IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS LOGGING IN TO THE MEETING. THE MEETING WILL ALSO BE AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

- A. CONVENING THE MEETING
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Changes to the Agenda

- B. COMMUNICATIONS
 - 1. Recognition of Visitors (see instructions above)

- C. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 1. Walnut Park Master Planning
 - 2. Miscellaneous

- D. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS (see instructions above)

E. THE NEXT DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT PARK BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2020 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING

F. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (If needed)

1. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act
2. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act

G. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF DUPAGE)

CERTIFICATE

I, Robert E. Kotula, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the Secretary in and for the Downers Grove Park District, DuPage County, Illinois; that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the November 5, 2020 Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners. Said Minutes were duly passed by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Downers Grove Park District at a regular meeting on the 19th day of November, 2020, and said Minutes are to become a part of the official record of said Park District.

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF November, 2020



Robert E. Kotula, Secretary
Downers Grove Park District

