

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 5, 2010**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., in the Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the minutes from the December 1 & 15, 2009, Board meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

Commissioner Hutchison requested item D under "For Discussion" be placed on the agenda as "Handicapped door at Eagles Crest," and Director Staley requested item E under "For Discussion" be place on the agenda as "Construction Manager, Wellness Center."

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to add the two items to the discussion portion of the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

LIBRARY BOARD PRESENTATION

Susan Mickelson, member of the Library Board, and Wendy Wendt, Director of the G F Public Library, made a presentation to the Board.

The library is in the process of assessing its needs, and trying to move forward on that assessment. The findings of the assessment were briefly presented to the Commissioners. The library representatives felt the presentation would aid them in finding ways to move forward, as the Board of Park Commissioners has been through something similar with the proposed wellness center.

They invited any comments and/or suggestions from the Board.

RECOVERY ZONE BOND PROGRAM

Brian Osowski brought forward some information on the Recovery Zone Bond Program. The program is a \$90,000,000 stimulus package in bonds to the State of North Dakota.

He stated the new, proposed wellness center project could qualify for bonds under this program and he explained an application needs to be made for a Recovery Zone Facility Bond. There is \$12,000,000 made available to the County of Grand Forks, and no one has applied for the money. The application fee is \$10,000, but refundable if the money is not used within six months. He suggested the Board may want to apply for the full amount since no other applications have come forward.

Commissioner Hutchison and other commissioners had no problem with applying for the money, but Commissioner Hutchison stated he felt there was cap on the amount the Park District could bond. He wants that researched first before moving ahead on this.

If the Park District can tap into these dollars, it will save interest on the wellness project funding.

This item will come back to the Board.

NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT

The Commissioners were presented with a first draft of the agreement and asked for input. Attorney Dick Olson was unable to attend this meeting, so any changes and/or questions coming from the Board may be addressed at the mid-month or February Board meetings.

HANDICAPPED DOOR AT EAGLES CREST

After a short discussion, the Board agreed a handicapped door at Eagles Crest needs to be installed. The Board instructed administration to get a price and do what it takes to get one installed.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER

John Staley reported the committee for the wellness center met on January 4 and went over the applications for a construction manager. There were five applicants and all five were interviewed. Four were local and one was from the Minneapolis area.

This position is a Construction Manager at risk position, and during the interviews, which were one hour long, each applicant was scored by points.

John reported Community Contractors of Grand Forks scored the highest total of points during the interview process.

FOR ACTION

2010 FLOWER BIDS

Melissa Grafenauer presented the Board with the results of the flower bids for 2010.

All Seasons of Grand Forks was low bidder and Melissa recommended their bid be accepted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the bid for the 2010 flowers by All Seasons. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR DECEMBER

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the bills for December in the amount of \$2,176,475.86 for the Park District, and \$43,436.80 for the Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

Superintendent Mullally reported the School District has put skates and skis at Lincoln Drive Park warming house for check out by citizens wishing to use them. This has been made possible by a grant the School District procured.

He also reports all retirement funds have been transferred to the N D State Investment Board as of December 31, 2009.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported Santa Village had a good run this year with a total of just under 10,000 kids and adults attending, over 3500 pounds of food donated and over \$1600 in cash donations.

Cam Tweten reported the steam room is being repaired at Center Court, six more bikes will be coming in next week, and he has re-negotiated the Sliver Sneakers contract for a higher fee as of January 1, 2010.

To date membership at Center Court is at 1385.

Forestry reported five days of snow removal, 418 street trees pruned and 20 request calls answered.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Coming out of Executive Session, a motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

John Staley, Clerk

Bill Hutchison, President