



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
Arrowhead Golf Club
26 W 151 Butterfield Road, Wheaton, Illinois
July 1, 2009

BOND ISSUE NOTIFICATION ACT PUBLIC HEARING

Vice President Morrill called the public hearing for the possible issuance of \$19 million in bonds to order at 7:06 pm. The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioner: Barrett
 Kelly
 Luetkehans (arrived at 7:17 pm)
 Mee
 Morrill
 Schobel

Absent: Fieweger

Vice President Morrill asked for comments from the board on the issuance of these bonds. There being no comment, he then asked for comments from the public.

Kevin O'Donnell, 709 Blanchard, Wheaton, IL, questioned the lack of supporting documents for the Wheaton Grand Theater. He believes that there will be competition from the three theaters to be built in Naperville and that the assumed fair market value of \$2 million is too high. He also questioned the IRS rules on property donated by a non-profit organization. The park district will provide a copy of the applicable IRS rules

Matt McNeor, 203 N. Blanchard, Wheaton, IL, questioned if acquiring the theater is part of the park district's mission. He stated that the MAC Performing Arts Center at College of DuPage already exists and sells an average of 65,000 tickets per year. He questioned the ability to sell 300,000 tickets in a year. He asked to see the proforma.

Mark Kmeicik, 607 S. Hazelton, Wheaton, IL, stated that he had questions about a \$20 million bond issue. He stated that the failure to redevelop the Lombard movie theater delayed development in downtown Lombard for five years. He felt that there was a lot of competition in the area, that the parking is inadequate, and that the building was designed as a movie theater not a performing arts theater. He asked for drawings and/or proposals as well as the business plan and a summary of how it will be supported.

Elizabeth Albert, 1894 Cambridge Lane, Wheaton, IL, requested that the park district mission statement be posted at all facilities, offices and in the board packet so that every decision is in line. She asked how the theater fits into the mission of the district. More than one private group has tried and failed to redevelop the theater. She questions if the Wheaton Grand Theater group and consultants are in tune with marketing this type of facility. She mentioned the new North Central College Theater as strong competition.

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Robert Lyon, 1245 Golf Circle, Wheaton, IL, thanked the commissioners and the Executive Director for the openness and the information that was shared with him. He questioned the income projections. He asked if there were signed contracts for sponsorships, the \$450,000 in administration expenses, and the \$4.5 million in consulting fees.

Commissioner Barrett moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Schobel. Motion carried. The public hearing adjourned at 7:51 pm

CALL TO ORDER

President Luetkehans called the regular meeting of the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 7:52 p.m. The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioner: Barrett
 Kelly
 Luetkehans
 Mee
 Morrill
 Schobel

Absent: Fieweger

COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ethics Ordinance
President Luetkehans suggested that Section 4 be modified to reflect fundraising events at Arrowhead and at the DuPage County Historical Museum. Section 10 should be changed from Executive Director to President. Staff will present the revised ordinance for approval with these revisions at the July 15 regular meeting.
2. Master/Strategic Plan Review – Section 4.4 Access to Recreation
Staff was complimented on the meeting with the community partner groups. Commissioner Morrill reiterated that he hopes this becomes a partnership between these groups and the park district.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Finance Policy Amendments
Commissioner Luetkehans moved to accept the Finance Policy amendments as presented by staff. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

The fund balance policy was discussed. The quote limit was discussed. It was requested that the phrase referring to local vendors and merchants be revised and brought back to the Board at the next meeting for subsequent approval.

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Roll call vote:	Commissioner:	Barrett	Aye
		Kelly	Aye
		Mee	Aye
		Morrill	Aye
		Schobel	Aye
		Luetkehans	Aye

6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Kelly Park Master Plan for OSLAD Grant Application

Commissioner Morrill moved to approve the Kelly Park Master Plan and to authorize the resolution for the OSLAD grant. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

The board asked that the inclusion of a t-ball field be removed from the master plan and that the relocation of field 23 be deleted. It was suggested that athletic boards be consulted before these type of changes are recommended.

Motion passed unanimously

3. Clocktower Commons Annual Report

Staff was complimented on the report. The board commented that it was pleased to see that this operation was showing a profit.

BOARD MEMBER INPUT/DISCUSSION

- The board asked for further information on comparisons in financial reports.
- The final master plan will be presented to board for approval in the fall.
- Tracking of halfway house orders using the GPS system will be provided to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Barrett moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Wheaton Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Morrill. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Benard
Secretary

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