CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
February 27, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:
Grayling Gordon, President
Joseph Fernandez
Eugene Austin, Secretary
Anthony Hopkins
Jaylan Robinson

STAFF:
Genesis Gary
Marino Solorio
Jewell Harris

Reported by: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR
Fissinger & Associates

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Grayling Gordon, Eugene Austin, Joseph Fernandez, Jaylan Robinson

Staff Present: Genesis Gary
Jewell Harris, Attorney
Marino Solorio

MR. GORDON: I would call to order the Board of Parks and Recreation meeting for Tuesday, February 27th, 2024.

We'll move on to Administrative matters. First on the agenda is approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting as written. Can I get a motion?

MR. AUSTIN: Make a motion.

MR. FERNANDEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by saying aye. (All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

Next, approval and signing of payroll dated February 16, 2024.

MR. AUSTIN: Make a motion.

MR. FERNANDEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by saying aye. (All signify aye.)
MR. GORDON: Motion carries.
Next, approval and signing of Warrant 022724 PB, in the amount of $27,042.39. Can I get a motion?

MR. AUSTIN: Make a motion.

MR. GORDON: I will second that. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All signify aye.)
MR. GORDON: Motion carries.
There is no Old Business. New Business, we have our recording secretary today, Miss Genesis Gary.

MS. GARY: Good afternoon. First on the docket we have rates and prices for Decor for events and programs. This gentleman, Oscar Tenorio does a great job with our events and we need to have the rates approved so we can move forward.

MR. FERNANDEZ: This is his rental fees?

MS. GARY: Rates and fees.

MR. GORDON: Can I get a motion for rates and prices for Decor?

MR. FERNANDEZ: I make a motion.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by saying aye. (All signify aye.)
MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

MS. GARY: Next we have our Intergovernmental Resolution for 3620 Elm Street, Clemente Center. I'm going to allow Mr. Jewell Harris, our attorney, to speak on that.

MR. HARRIS: This is a late addition to the agenda, which involves some conversations that have been had between Redevelopment and the Park Department. This particular property, it appears as though there was no deed work done way back when. We don't who was involved or whatever the case may be. This resolution, which is approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement,

clears up that failure to transfer the property over to Redevelopment like it should have been some years ago. All this does is clear up that record.

MR. GORDON: Can I get a motion for the Intergovernmental Resolution?

MR. AUSTIN: Make a motion.

MR. GORDON: Second. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All signify aye.)

MR. GORDON: Motion carries.

The record should reflect that Mr. Jaylan Robinson has joined us.

Is there any Public Comment?

MR. SOLORIO: I just want to quickly reintroduce myself to the new members of the Board. I haven't been here for a while. Trying to, not splitting hairs, figure who is where and who goes where. But again, if you guys need anything, we are a phone call away.

We had our Sweetheart Dance this last Saturday. It was a very successful event, about 40 people participated. That took place at Riley Hall. If you haven't seen the images on ECTV news yet, you should look at the video pictures. Everyone had a great time.

Now we are moving forward to the Flower Show and Autism Walk, those are the next events that the Park will be hosting, and you will be seeing new programming coming to the Community Centers. We already have Zumba, line dancing, and Hip-Hop aerobics. We are going to be adding yoga, drum cardio, and other activities outside of the staff having their own programs themselves.

So, again, if you have not visited the Parks, the community centers, do so. There is a lot to do. Again, we are looking forward to a prosperous new year.

MR. GORDON: Thank you. All right.

Note our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024, right here at City Hall Council Chambers, at the appointed time of 5:00 p.m.

If there is nothing else for the good of the order, can I get a motion for adjournment?

MR. ROBINSON: Motion to adjourn.

MR. GORDON: I will second that motion. All in favor signify by saying aye. (All signify aye.) Motion carries.

We are adjourned.

* * * * Meeting adjourned * * * *

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday February 27th, 2024

Approved and signed _____

Grayling Gordon, President

Eugene Austin, Secretary

Anthony Hopkins, Member

Joseph Fernandez, Member

Jaylan Robinson, Member

Genesis Gary, Recording Secretary

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Valparaiso, Indiana, this 29th day of February, 2024.



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR