

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 9, 2014

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in a regular meeting on July 9, 2014.

Attendance:

Board Members: President Andrew Black, Vice President Zutali, Member Pelger

Staff Members Present: Mr. Derek Gordon, Park Director, Dan Kunz, Assistant Park Director & Theresa Gang, Office Manager

Community Members: Alice Sarver, O.U.R., Leon Cote, John Stone, Tim Trobovich, CJRD, Kevin LHommedieu, Canton Law Dept, Kris Bates, Canton Law Dept, Jim Griffin - Canton City Council, Greg Hawk - Canton City Council, Edmond Mack – Canton City Council

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm by President Black.

Meeting minutes from the June 11, 2014 Regular Meeting were reviewed by the Commissioners.

President Black motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Zutali seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. JBSC/ CJRD Agreement Discussion – A final agreement supported by Ms. Bates and Mr. L’Hommedieu was submitted for Park Commission approval. Several topics were discussed including indemnity which the City, a public entity, cannot enter into blanket indemnity. There was no response from CJRD today but they are having a special meeting on Friday, July 11th. The agreement is on City Council agenda for Monday, July 14th. President Black motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Zutali seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gordon is asked to send communication to JBSC and CJRC that it has been approved by the Park Board and they look forward to working with them.
2. Consideration of SECC Building Acceptance – A request from Service Director Bill Bartos, to have the Park Commission take responsibility for the financial oversight and maintenance of the building. President Black motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Zutali seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

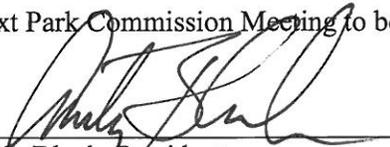
NEW BUSINESS

1. St. Mark’s Land Use Proposal Discussion – Councilman Mack was present to present the concept of a public private partnership to lease a portion of St. Mark’s land. This area will be designated as a public park with levy funds utilized to improve the area. Law is reviewing the proposal and looking at a similar agreement completed by Stark Parks. The shelter at St. Mark’s would be available for public rental and managed by the Parks. There are currently safety compliance issues with the existing playground structures and trees. Councilman Mack would like the levy funds dedicated to his ward to be used here. The land is owned by the Diocese and therefore the lease would be with the Diocese directly. There was a recommendation to speak with the City Arborist for a tree assessment. No further action will be required until a formal lease is presented to the Commission which has been approved by the church.

- iv. A newsletter from O.U.R was submitted which highlighted the Park staff and acknowledged the efforts toward improving the Parks.

President Black motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm. Commissioner Pelger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Park Commission Meeting to be held at 4:00pm on August 13, 2014 at the Canton Garden Center.



Andy Black, President



Derek Gordon, Director