

## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS November 15, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:32 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. The Secretary called the roll and the following were:

PRESENT: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Stryker, Cohen (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

and there was a quorum in attendance. Also present were Linda Gryziecki, Secretary/Director of Parks and Recreation; Linda Anderson, Rick Julison, Don Bott, Darla Kuhs, Mark Woolums, Tammy Ingolia, Elaine Silberman, staff members; Arnie Grahl, Editor Deerfield Review; Greg Lapin, resident.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Treasurer Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2007 Regular Meeting; the October 18, 2007 Closed Session; the November 1, 2007 Special Meeting; and the November 1, 2007 Closed Session. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Stryker, Cohen (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

#### **Approval of Disbursements**

Motion made by Treasurer Antokal, seconded by Vice-President Stryker, to approve the Voucher Listing dated November 15, 2007 in the amount of \$1,612,239.10. (Copy attached and made a part of these Minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Antokal, Stryker, Caron, Patinkin, Cohen (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

### **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

President Cohen welcomed visitors to the meeting.

#### **Acknowledgements**

##### **Arnie Grahl, IAPD Journalist Award**

Staff submitted a recommendation to IAPD for their statewide Best of the Best Top Journalist competition. Arnie Grahl, editor for Deerfield Review, was awarded second place in the print category. President Cohen acknowledged his success and presented him with a plaque.

##### **Rick Patinkin, 10 Years of Service**

Commissioner Patinkin was recognized in April for his 10 years of service on the Board; however, IAPD recognizes these milestones annually in September. Commissioner Patinkin was presented with a plaque.

**Elaine Silberman, 40 Years of Service**

The meeting moved outdoors to recognize Elaine Silberman for her 40 years of service. President Cohen read a resolution and a statue called "Time for School" was unveiled in her honor. The statue will be permanently located next to the Preschool turnaround by the northeast corner of the building.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

**Golf Advisory Committee**

The committee met on November 6, 2007 to discuss marketing ideas for the 2008 season.

**Pool Advisory Committee**

No meeting has been held recently but fee recommendations will be discussed at the Budget Workshop Meeting.

**Deerfield Park Foundation**

The next Foundation meeting will be held on November 27, 2007, at 7:30, following a social get together with the District #109 Foundation at the clubhouse.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Reports: Halloween Hoopla, Family Theater**

Mark Woolums, Recreation Supervisor, reported on Deerfield Family Theater's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*. After the first weekend of shows, the production is proving to be a huge success. A report on finalized financial figures is forthcoming.

Linda Anderson, Superintendent of Recreation, gave a verbal report on Halloween Hoopla. The final report was distributed to Commissioners.

**Status: Former Multiplex Facility (Recreation Center)**

Materials from the recent meeting with PHN Architects had been distributed for Commissioners review. We are on schedule to appear before the Plan Commission at the Pre-filing Workshop on Thursday, December 13, 2007. A public hearing will be held either January 10 or 24, 2008. We have retained the services of Ballard King to do a program review and operation analysis as well as Traffic Strategies, Ltd. to do a traffic and parking analysis. Discussion was held on whether or not to begin preparing bid documents for renovation work as we are going through the zoning process or wait until we have received the Special Use zoning. After discussion, staff was directed to authorize PHN Architects and W.B. Olson to begin preparing documents so we can go to bid as soon as we receive zoning. Discussion followed on the work needed to be done due to water damage in the locker rooms. The possibility of combining the men's / women's locker rooms had been previously discussed but it was now agreed that we would leave the locker rooms as they are until such time as it is determined the needs have changed and one locker room would be sufficient.

**Other**

We recently sent letters to Maplewood Park neighbors informing them of potential work that will be performed to the softball fields and the addition of a scoreboard. To date we have only heard from one neighbor regarding the scoreboard placement. A mock scoreboard has been installed in order to better visualize the addition. Commissioners were encouraged to visit the site and provide input.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Draft: 2008 Meeting Schedule**

Commissioners reviewed the draft 2008 meeting schedule. A final copy will be presented for approval at the annual meeting in January.

Motion made by Commissioner Patinkin, seconded by Vice-President Stryker to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. re: Section 2 (c) (5) Real Estate. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Patinkin, Stryker, Caron, Antokal, Cohen (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

There being no additional business, motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Commissioner Patinkin, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:00 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Patinkin, Antokal, Stryker, Cohen (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewett Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gryziecki, Secretary