

HUNTLEY PARK DISTRICT
Board Workshop Prep Minutes
July 12, 2023

Commissioner Wold called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Commissioners present: Keith Wold, Melissa Kellas, Jerry Nepermann, William Awe, and Jim Blasky. Commissioner(s) absent: None.

Staff present: Scott Crowe, Wesley Peete, and Matt Szytz

Committee of the Whole: Keith Wold; Chairperson.

Executive Director, Scott Crowe presented the updated Huntley Park District Safety Manual to the Board, provided an overview of the recommended changes and requested the Board review the documents and send any questions they may have. This will be presented to the Board for approval at the July 26 Board Meeting.

Executive Director, Scott Crowe provided an overview of the current status of the OSLAD Grant Application and its collaboration with Hitchcock Design on the update of Weiss Park. Parks and Facilities Director, Wesley Peete presented the concepts of the design and answered questions for the Board. The Board was informed that at the July 26 Board Meeting a resolution supporting this project and the application for the OSLAD Grant will be provided for approval. This resolution in no way finalizes all details of the project and flexibility still exists for final design changes as long as the recreational elements that are identified remain as part of the project. A public input meeting will be held on site at Weiss Park on Thursday, July 13 at 6:00p.

Executive Director, Scott Crowe discussed the opportunity to rent the Theater and a few supporting rooms to a new church tentatively beginning Sunday, September 17. Staff have worked through the logistical details, and this is an opportunity that allows for additional rental income to the district at no additional expense and allows for flexibility to still prioritize theater-specific and recreational activities in that space as necessary. The agreement is being reviewed by both PDRMA and Corporate Counsel to ensure that our interests and liability are appropriately represented. A one-year initial agreement is proposed. This will be presented for final approval to the Board once both parties agree to the terms.

Executive Director, Scott Crowe, updated the Board that he is exploring the opportunity to accommodate the District 158 LIGHT Program at the Deicke Building during the school year. Currently the Park District has an agreement with NISRA and the Pioneer Center for the same space to accommodate their adult day program (The BRIGHT Program) but in meeting with both agencies recently, we believe the BRIGHT Program can move to the REC Center to make accommodations for the LIGHT Program of our community partners. Meetings continue and if this opportunity becomes more feasible the Board will be updated and presented with further information for approval.

Executive Director, Scott Crowe, and Parks and Facilities Director, Wesley Peete, gave an update on the Water Feature Replacement at Stingray Bay. Another solution was identified to prolong the life of the feature and replacement is not

critical at this time. The piece is aging and replacement in the next few years is still encouraged. Staff continue to work with providers and an engineer on replacement costs for the future. Staff will continue this project and work into the budget when appropriate.

Motion to adjourn the Board Workshop at 8:30 PM was made by Commissioner Nepermann and seconded by Commissioner Awe.

Voice Vote - All ayes, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Szytz
Recording Secretary of the Board

Signature on file

Scott M. Crowe, Secretary Date