

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting Board of Park Commissioners **May 4, 2023**

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Caron at 7:04 p.m. in the Administrative Offices of the Deerfield Park District located in the Jewett Park Community Center. Attendance was taken and the following were:

Present: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)
Absent: None (0)

Staff: Executive Director Jeff Nehila and Finance Director Harvey

III. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors

No members of the public were present.

IV. Local Government Efficiency Committee

Executive Director Nehila advised there are seven resident applicants for the Local Government Efficiency Committee since the vacancy was posted on the District's website and via an e-mail blast. Statute requires the Board to appoint at least two residents to the Committee. President Caron suggested the Board appoint at least three or four residents so the Committee will still have resident input in case of unforeseen absences. The Board discussed the applications in depth and identified the candidates best suited for the Committee based on their qualifications and interest level. It was agreed that four applicants be appointed to the Committee at the upcoming Board of Commissioners meeting by President Caron. The four applicants are Andrew Vlahakis, Glen Marder, Gil Antokal and Joseph Haughney. The formal Resolution will follow the Committee appointments. There was a brief discussion regarding the meeting dates and subsequent Committee report due in December of 2024. Statute requires the Committee meet at least three times prior to submitting its formal report. Consensus was formed on the September Workshop meeting as being the first meeting date.

V. Other Matters

NPRA Conference

Executive Director Nehila reported the NPRA Conference will be held October 10th through 12th in Dallas for Board members interested in attending. Registration for the conference opens May 8th, 2023.

GFOA Award

Finance Director Harvey announced the District has received an accounting award for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. This will be the District's first GFOA Award and accomplishes one of the District's major Strategic Plan objectives. The Board commended Finance Director Harvey on his hard work in achieving this award on behalf of the District.

VI. Adjournment to Closed Session

Vice President Cohen moved and Commissioner Serota seconded a motion to enter Closed Session for the discussion of the purchase or lease of real estate in accordance with Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:25 p.m.

Roll call vote **carried** as follows:

AYES: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin and Serota (5)
NAYS: None (0)

VII. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to the Open Session of the April 13, 2023 Board Meeting at 9:05 p.m.
The Secretary called the roll, and the following were:

PRESENT: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin and Serota (5)
ABSENT: None (0)

VII. Possible Action from Closed Session

There was no action from Closed Session.

VIII. Motion made by Vice President Cohen, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

By a unanimous voice vote; **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeff Harvey

Executive Director