

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS April 18, 2024

The Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:50 p.m. in the Patty Turner Center. Executive Director Harvey called the roll, and the following were:

PRESENT: Caron, Cohen, Patinkin and Serota (4)

ABSENT: Brown (1)

Staff: Executive Director Jeff Harvey, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Recreation Laura McCarty

President Cohen noted the purpose of this Closed Session meeting is to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in accordance with Section 2(c)1.

The commissioners discussed the draft brochure with the intent of providing comments and feedback on the Executive Director brochure to Alan Howard of IAPD.

- Cover – The Commissioners did not have any changes; the mission statement and spelling were correct.
- Page 2 – The Commissioners liked the information about the community but questioned some of the numbers. Ms. McCarty and Commissioner Patinkin both provided numbers.
- Qualifications – Commissioner Patinkin noted number nine did not appear anywhere on the survey. Commissioner Caron believes it is a combination of a few questions. President Cohen believes the salary seems low. He suggested adding that local resident housing and a vehicle may be available. Commissioner Serota is not attached to the number of years of experience; rather, the skill set is more important.
- Application Process – Commissioner Patinkin suggested the application process should be marked personal and confidential. The Commissioners discussed the schedule. Commissioner Caron would prefer to have the interviews on a weekend.

President Cohen will put together the revised information and send it out to the Board and Alan. Alan will create the revised brochure and President Cohen will send it out. The job will then be posted. President Cohen would like to get a status report in a couple weeks showing the level of interest from candidates.

Commissioner Serota moved to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. Commissioner Patinkin seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (4)

NAYS: None (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Jeff Harvey

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