

Discussion Items

- A. Strategic Plan, Community Needs Assessment and Master Plan
Dannielle Wilson, DW Consulting, reviewed progress on the Master Plan and next steps. The input from the meetings with Commissioners, Staff and Senior Leadership Team was synthesized into the document presented tonight. We would like to put a draft of it on the website with a link to a Survey Monkey to allow residents to provide feedback until November 1. The final draft will be presented to the Board in December and implemented in January 2018. Commissioner Sokolowski noted that the Master Plan is like a roadmap for the District's future.
- B. "Meet Us at the Park"
Commissioner Sokolowski recommended these events take place in parks across the community next summer. He recommended Friendship Park, Spring Valley or Appomattox Park, and Tokarski Park. The Commissioners agreed on Friendship Park, Appomattox Park and Tokarski Park. Staff will work on details and bring an update to the table soon.
- C. Community Events
Executive Director Reuter observed that now is a good time to discuss special events because we are preparing the 2018 budget. Director Haring described his idea; it would be a larger version of 'Meet Us at the Park'. We would invite local neighbors to come out to enjoy a family BBQ, have some backyard games, and maybe an inflatable for the kids. This would show our appreciation to the residents and give them a free event to attend. The time involved to prepare for this type of event would be minimal compared to Just Play or CSBarks. Parks staff would have more time to dedicate to maintaining parks; Recreation staff would have more time to develop a comprehensive Volunteer Program; obtain sponsorships that could be devoted to support recreation activities instead of paying for amenities at those two large events. Commissioner Jeffery agreed we need to cut back but still want to offer free events. Commissioner Bird emphasized that these events attract specific demographics, but are not many mature adults in the community. Commissioner Gramann likes the idea of having dog events at the Bark Park. Commissioner Powers agreed that our events should benefit our residents first, promote our brand and be community oriented. Commissioner Sokolowski feels that people don't get excited about these events anymore and thinks we should take a year off. It will give staff a chance to do something creative to make it fresh and new.

Weekly Happenings

- Commissioner Powers is the only one interested in going to the Legal Symposium.
- Commissioner Sokolowski suggested a Personnel Committee meeting be scheduled on an off-Monday to begin planning for Executive Director Reuter's annual goal review.
- Commissioner Powers discussed continued misuse of the PA system at Weber Field. Executive Director Reuter will plan a meeting with GBN Vice Principal Bowser.
- Commissioner Sokolowski is interested in the District pursuing a third National Gold Medal Award. Executive Director Reuter explained there are steps to reach that goal. 2018 we will pursue State Accreditation, 2019 we

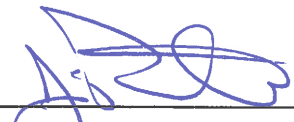
will pursue National Accreditation, and in 2020 we will pursue the Gold Medal Award. This year's work on the Community Needs Assessment, Strategic Plan, and Master Plan was all done to align with this timeline.

- Commissioner Bird noticed that the gymnastics program has been doing great from a financial standpoint. Director Haring emphasized staff are well known and liked which help expand participation with residents and non-residents.
- Commissioner Jeffery reported on behalf of the Memorial Park Task Force that the Stars and Stripes 5K run was well attended. The Candlelight Bowl originally planned for the end of October will be moved to February. There will also be another Spaghetti Dinner.
- Commissioner Jeffery reported that the Vandalism Task force met with a representative from CCSD93. The focus was to teach children early about vandalism and involve them in the fight against vandalism. The Library is also on board.
- Commissioner Sokolowski presented the video completed over the summer with the help of staff and interns from the Illinois Art Institute. It will be posted on the website and social media soon.


Closed Session Personnel – Employee Performance Section 2(c)(5) - Tabled

Action Pertaining to Closed Session None

Adjournment Commissioner Bird made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann. Voice Vote taken. Motion passed 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Secretary
Jim Reuter



President
Brian Sokolowski

October 23, 2017
Date