



Kankakee Valley

PARK DISTRICT

Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

The Committee Meeting was called to order at 5pm by President Hollis. Those present for roll call were Commissioner B. Spriggs, D. Tucker, D. Skelly, M. Mullady A. Hollis. Others present: Melissa Woodard, Superintendent of Recreation, Rick Collins, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, Attorney John Coghlan. Not present: D. Heitz, Executive Director

Public Present: Gerry & Judy Kilbride, Raymond Eads, JoAnne Schuade, Rosemany Pistorius, David Panozzo, Janice Homan, Cherry Malone Marshall, Doug Morris, Barbara Kappel, Kelly Wilcox, Bruce Cowhag, Steven Hunter, Elisabeth Dunbar, Bonita Arceneaux-Anderson, Bonita Jordan, Derek Anders, Ed Pontiac, Rose Bailey, Chip Rorem, John Brandy, Laurel Soper, Don Palmer, Venita Anderson, Venita Jordan, Debra Barron, Chris Curtis, Jan Yonka, Mike Cobbs

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment:

Don Palmer: In support of protecting the Cobb Park trees from proposed Nicor plan.

Rose Bailey: In support of protecting the Cobb Park trees from proposed Nicor plan.

Steven J. Hunter: Requesting Schuyler Park be renamed to Bert Dear Sr. Park.

Judy Kilbride: In support of protecting the Cobb Park trees from proposed Nicor plan.

Elisabeth Dunbar: In support of protecting the Cobb Park trees from proposed Nicor plan.

Venita Anderson: Requesting Civic deposit be returned even after entering building day after rental and breaking contract.

Venita Jordan: On behalf of her daughter, requesting Civic deposit be returned even after entering building day after rental and breaking contract.

Derek Anderson: Requesting Civic deposit be returned even after entering building day after rental and breaking contract.

Chris Curtis: In support of protecting the Cobb Park trees from proposed Nicor plan.

Jan Yonka: In support of protecting the Cobb Park trees from proposed Nicor plan.

Mike Cobbs: In support of protecting the Cobb Park trees from proposed Nicor plan.

Sherry Malone Marshall: In support of protecting the Cobb Park trees from proposed Nicor plan.

Debra Barron: In support of protecting the Cobb Park trees from proposed Nicor plan.

Commissioner Hollis thanked everyone for coming. We haven't made any decision on this and agree with you all. We don't want anything to do with messing up Cobb Park. Understand how much that park means to the community. We are going to do everything we can to make that happen. We will all try to work together to make sure the trees aren't disturbed. Appreciate having some backup. Our Executive Director is out today. Anyone that had a concern tonight, will hear from him or Director Heitz.

Brief recess at 5:36. Resumed at 5:38pm.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

STAFF REPORTS

R. Collins: Everything staying the same. Did add the decal to the truck. Large tree come down at Pioneer.

M. Woodard: Any questions, let her know.

A. Tousignant: Any questions, let her know.

D. Heitz: Give her a call if you have questions. Out of the office through at least Wednesday, due to personal reasons.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Tucker had a question on Anna's report about increasing prices up. Should talk about it before its initiated. Came out of nowhere and we didn't talk about it.

Commissioner Spriggs stated that part of the problem with the folks that were here regarding a rental was that Ariana doesn't have a guideline on what she says. Attorney Coghlan said she told them to rent the next day and they refused. The couple admitted that. When Kenny went in the next day there was garbage and stuff still in there. There are pictures from when he went in that day. Commissioner Tucker would like to see the pictures so we can look into it further. Commissioner Skelly said it sounds like we are getting one half of the story. Sure Dayna has a reason for why but think we should error on the side of hoping they come back as a future rental. We don't want them out bad mouthing us. Attorney Coghlan said they were

there until after noon, then came in to meet with us and all was well and good. Then they are threatening about what we are going to do on social media. Commissioner Tucker would like to see the other side. We can't regulate social media issues. Commissioner Hollis will call Dayna and see if they can come to a solution. Our credibility is just getting right. Maybe we give them back half. They aren't asking for it all back. Commissioner Skelly understands we don't want to set a bad precedent. Rick said it worked out fine this time but if we did have a rental, it wouldn't have been good. They came back to get more of their stuff. Fortunately, there wasn't a rental the next day. Commissioner Skelly said 4 people took time to come talk to us about it and we want to save grief down the road. Commissioner Hollis said he looked at the fees, need to figure out why the fees have gone up. Previous board had talked about not having a resident and non-resident fee years ago. Commissioner Tucker said as a board we need to talk about it. Commissioner Skelly said he wanted to know when they are supposed to go into effect? Can we talk about it at the board meeting? Commissioner Skelly said as a board we need to decide when we cross the line into micromanaging. If she has a bigger plan, she should have reason to speak on it.

Commissioner Spriggs said tonight was great. Been a long time since we had that many people at a meeting. Commissioner Hollis said they were in support of us. At first they maybe weren't sure but then realized we weren't tearing the trees down. Commissioner Tucker said he got the impression they believe in us. Commissioner Spriggs asked if the public thought we weren't on the same side? Think the realized we are not for tearing down trees. Commissioner Skelly said he thinks Dayna did a great job in the article and this was just them supporting it.

Commissioner Skelly said he got a text that we can go pick up the mower and 2 guitars. Hope that chapter is behind us and we can move forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6pm by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Mullady. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. R. Collins
2. M. Woodard
3. A. Tousignant
4. D. Heitz