

**MEETING OF THE  
LAFAYETTE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARINGS begin at 4:00 pm  
REGULAR MEETING to follow PUBLIC HEARINGS  
27 August 2018**

The City of Lafayette Park and Recreation Board held three public hearings August 27, 2018, beginning at 4:00pm at the Rush Pavilion in Columbian Park.

Park Board President Dave Mecklenburg asked for a motion to open a public hearing concerning the preliminary determination to issue bonds to provide funds for improvements. Upon motion by Mr. Denney and seconded by Ms. Corey the hearing was opened for public comment. No public comment was offered. Upon motion by Mr. Ragan and seconded by Ms. Corey, the public hearing was closed at 4:01pm.

At 4:02pm, Park Board President Dave Mecklenburg asked for a motion to open the next public hearing for the purpose of receiving any objections from persons in or affected by the proposed park improvements. Upon motion by Mr. Ragan and seconded by Mr. Denney, the hearing was opened for public comment. No public comment was offered. Upon motion by Mr. Denney and seconded by Ms. Corey, the public hearing was closed at 4:03pm.

At 4:04pm, Park Board President Dave Mecklenburg asked for a motion to open the final public hearing on the additional appropriation of Bond proceeds. Upon motion by Ms. Corey and seconded by Mr. Denney, the hearing was opened for public comment. No public comment was offered. Upon motion by Mr. Ragan and seconded by Mr. Denney, the public hearing was closed at 4:05pm.

The regular meeting of the City of Lafayette Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Park Board President Dave Mecklenburg at 4:05pm. Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman, Director of Operations Jon Miner and Recording Secretary Carlynn Smith were present. Parks Staff members present were Mike Perry, Noah Shields, Tom Rankin, Lindsey Huffman, and Megan Harding.

**New Business:**

- Mr. Denney made a motion to approve Resolution 18-05, which confirms the public utility and benefit of the proposed park improvements. Ms. Corey seconded the motion. Mr. Denney inquired if City Attorney Ed Chosnek had reviewed the documents, and Mr. Chosnek, who was present at the meeting, confirmed that he had. In a unanimous vote, Resolution 18-05 was passed. (see Attachment A)
- Ms. Corey made a motion to approve Resolution 18-06, the final bond resolution. Mr. Denney seconded the motion. Mr. Denney inquired if City Attorney Ed Chosnek had reviewed the documents, and Mr. Chosnek confirmed that he had. In a unanimous vote, Resolution 18-06 was passed. (see Attachment B)
- Mr. Denney made a motion to approve Resolution 18-07, which appropriates the proceeds of the Bonds. Mr. Ragan seconded the motion. Mr. Denney inquired if City Attorney Ed

Chosnek had reviewed the documents, and Mr. Chosnek confirmed that he had. In a unanimous vote, Resolution 18-07 was passed. (see Attachment C)

Upon motion by Mr. Ragan, seconded by Mr. Denney and unanimously carried, the minutes of the August 13, 2018 Park Board meeting were approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Denney, seconded by MS. Corey, and unanimously carried, claims in the amount of \$56,907.67 were approved.

#### Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Laufman introduced Lindsey Huffman, who began as the full-time marketing manager for the Parks Department on August 20, 2018. Lindsey, who formerly worked for the Parks Department from 2005-2010 and returned in 2015 as the part-time marketing assistant provided additional background information and then introduced Megan Harding, who will be the marketing assistant. A Purdue student, Megan has worked for 5 years as a seasonal aquatics employee. Megan also spoke briefly to the board regarding her background.
- Tom Rankin, Safety and Security Coordinator for the Parks Department, addressed the Board about a recent 2-day seminar he attended titled "Policing the Teen Brain." He found it to be helpful by providing strategies to improve communications with youth in order to lessen conflict and to develop trust.
- The renovation of the pickleball courts is now complete, and a dedication ceremony for the new pickleball courts will be held at McCaw Park on September 12 at 10:30am.
- Superintendent Laufman reported on the progress that is being made at Crosser Sports Complex. Blocks are being laid for three dugouts and the concession stand.
- Director of Operations Jon Miner reported on aquatics numbers for Vinton and Castaway Bay, which have been closed for the season. Tropicanoe Cove will be open 3 more day (Labor Day weekend), weather permitting.


#### Declaration of Surplus Property:

- Upon motion by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Ragan, and unanimously carried, two macaws at the zoo were declared surplus property. (See Attachment D)

#### Communications:

- Public: Mr. Robert Downing addressed the Board expressing concerns at McCaw Park that he believes are the result of good things that have occurred in proximity to the picnic shelters: the installation of the new playground and renovation of the pickleball courts. While there are plenty of parking spaces near the baseball diamonds, many are not utilizing them and instead creating safety concerns by over parking in the area of the courts and playground. It was suggested that signage could be added to direct patrons to the larger lot and resurfacing the walkway with concrete or asphalt might encourage people to walk from the larger lot to the shelter area.

With no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mr. Ragan and seconded by Mrs. Corey, the meeting adjourned at 4:33pm.



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David Mecklenburg, Park Board President



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Pat Corey, Secretary Pro Tem



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Carlynn Smith, Park Board Recording Secretary