

**Chicago Heights Park District  
Park District Board of Commissioners  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 12, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting called to Order:** The Meeting of the Chicago Heights Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Upon roll call, the following board members were present: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes on July 8th, 2013 on the Public Hearing by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Straczek. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes on July 8th, 2013 on the Regular Board Meeting by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Burnett. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa.

**Motion to Approve Treasure:** On a motion to approve the Treasure's report given by Commissioner Burnett by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Leon. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa.

**President Report:** President Mosby thanked Superintendent Perez for doing a great job as Park District Superintendent. She also thanked Ms. Rodgers for doing a great job as Program Director while attending to her other job. She also commended Lew and his staff for doing a great job. She also thanked the Chicago Heights Park District Police Department for doing a great job! She thanked the entire park staff for doing a great job. She also thanked Mike Debutch for doing a great job also. She thanked everyone for attending her 1<sup>st</sup> Ward event held at Sesto Park on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. She apologized in advance to the board for not attending the upcoming dates because she will be out of town at that time.

**Commissioners Report**

**Commissioner Leon:** Commissioner Leon thanked Mr. Ayala, Golf Maintenance Supervisor for planting the flower beds at Petraca Park and he thanked Mr. Lew Lewandowski, Maintenance Supervisor for doing a great job painting.

**Commissioner Burnett:** Commissioner Burnett announced that he is still feeding the homeless in the social room on August 18. This event is being sponsored Women of Focus" from 1-4 pm. He announced that clothing and shoes will be given on those days also. He also invited the board of commissioners to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Extravaganza on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at King Park from 12-4 pm. He informed the board that this event will be hosted by himself and Alderperson Wanda Rodgers.

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**Commissioner Baikauskas:** Commissioner Baikauskas thanked the maintenance department for taking care of some issues in the parks in his ward. The parks look great!

**Commissioner Garner:** Commissioner Garner thanked the maintenance department for removing the graffiti at Sangamon Park. She also announced that she will be hosting a "Pic Nic in the Park" on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at Sangamon Park. All families are

welcome to attend. She also announced that there will be a "Back to School" give away on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Corner Stone Christian Center and City Hal. This event will be held at City Hall. There will be many vendors providing services. She concludes her report with wishing everyone a safe and happy Labor Day Holiday.

**Commissioner Straczek:** Commissioner Straczek announced our golf courses were featured with a wonderful article in the Golf Course Plus Magazine. He stated that both Mr. Stanfa and Mr. Ayala and their staff got great reviews on maintaining those golf courses. He informed both Supervisors to keep up the good work. He announced his joint meeting with Alderman Zerante for Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Commissioners Park.

**Commissioner Ochoa:** Commissioner Ochoa thanked everyone for helping his kids get to the second regionals. His team did not win, but they did a great job. He thanked Lew and Mike for all of their help. He also thanked Superintendent Perez for providing transportation for the team.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Perez announced that a new park will be built on Saturday on East Gate. He announced that this is funded by a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Dr. Pepper and Kaboom. This park will be located in Commissioner Garner's ward. Also, another park will be built on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> on Wentworth. Volunteers are needed to build both of these community parks. Superintendent Perez informed the board that we will not be responsible for maintaining these parks. However, the park district will assist in maintaining those parks if asked. He also announced the Sister City event which will be held on September 6-8, 2013. He informed the board that the Chicago Heights Park District is one of the sponsors for this event. He also announced that the park district received a check from the State of Illinois via a grant for \$121,000 to employee summer youth. He did inform the board that any monies that were not utilized by the end of the summer program will be returned back to the state.

**Attorney Report:** None given.

**Public Participation:** Mr. Joseph Hernandez, 274 Holbrook Road, Chicago Heights, IL. of Holiday Star Theater from Park Forest stated that they would like to give out free movie passes to the volunteers attending the upcoming park building event. He also stated that he would like to give out free movie passes throughout the year for upcoming events.

### **New Business**

**Submission of Bills:** On a motion to pay the bills for the month of July 2013 by Commissioner Baikauskas and seconded by Commissioner Burnett. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa.

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**Resolution:** On resolution 2013-08 approving and authorizing the executing of an intergovernmental license agreement between the Chicago Heights Park District and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County by Burnett, seconded by Commission Leon. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa. Motion was carried. Discussion followed.

**Resolution:** On resolution 2013-09 approving and authorizing the execution of a one (1) year electricity sales agreement between "Direct Energy" and the Chicago Heights Park District by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Baikauskas. The following nays were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner

Baikauskas Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa. President Mosby abstained. Motion was not carried. Discussion followed.

**Resolution:** On resolution 2013-09 approves and amends the execution of a 36 month electricity sales agreement between "Direct Energy" and the Chicago Heights Park District by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Burnett. The following ayes were recorded: Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa. President Mosby and Commissioner Ochoa abstained. Motion was carried.

**Adjournment:** On a motion to adjourned the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m. by President Mosby and seconded by Commissioner Leon. The following ayes were recorded: President Mosby, Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Baikauskas, Commissioner Garner, Commissioner Straczek and Commissioner Ochoa.

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**Secretary**

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