

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 9, 2025
7:00 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

Minutes

Board Members Present: Carasso, Stanko, Victor, Renner, Frangiamore.

Staff Present: Jones, Kelly, Horn, Krueger, Hughes, Tarosas, Mach, Raica.

Guests Present: Doug Fair, Hitchcock Design Group, Ryan Murray, ETC Institute (by phone)

Public Present: Laura Tuman, Jenay DiOrio.

President Frangiamore called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Frangiamore asked if there were any Matters from the Public, Commissioners, and Staff.

Under Matters from the Public, DiOrio commented that she attended (or viewed) the Village of Cary Board meeting held recently on development of Maplewood property. She commented she was surprised to see Commissioner Renner as part of a development team representing the engineering firm he is employed by. DiOrio commented on the Sunburst Bay Aquatic Center presentation on the agenda and expressed her wish the Park District had not gotten rid of the Community Center Pool.

Under Matters from Commissioners, all Commissioners wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Under Matters from Staff, none.

The minutes from the December 12, 2024, COW meeting was presented for approval.

Stanko moved to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Victor.

Voice vote: Yes – 5. No – 0. Motion carried.

The first Discussion Item was Review – Needs Assessment Survey, Comprehensive Master Plan Update 2025. Doug Fair from Hitchcock Design Group and Ryan Murray from ETC Institute gave an overview of the survey and answered questions of the Board. Fair reviewed the different stages of the Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) process and highlighted a few items that will be completed over the next couple months, including the completion of the Needs Assessment Survey being presented.

Board questions included if the survey would be available in Spanish, if there could be an incentive to encourage residents to complete the survey, if the time of year the survey is issued would impact results and if the survey would be promoted within the community. Fair, Murray and staff answered questions to the Board's satisfaction. The Board provided consensus direction that an incentive be offered to encourage persons to complete the survey.

The second Discussion Item was Presentation – Sunburst Bay Aquatic Center (SBAC) Post Season Report. Program and Facility Manager Tarosas, Director of Communication and Marketing Hughes and Superintendent of Park & Facility Maintenance Mach made a presentation to the Board on the 2024 SBAC season. Topics covered included staffing, Snack Shack operations, admissions, lifeguards, managers, maintenance of the facility (closures due to water balance, slide maintenance, winterization), rentals/parties, hours of operation, Sunburst Swim School, Aqua Group Fitness classes, PDRMA audits, staff training, marketing efforts (email blasts, social media posts, giveaways, digital brochure, photos, surveys). The presentation noted improvements and focus for the 2025 season, which included additional team members, staffing levels, adjustments to swim lesson times, member only swim times, cabana services and Snack Shack schedule.

Board questions and comments included potential sponsorship opportunities, bilingual swim lesson offerings, the extent of training conducted at SBAC for team members, the presentation of the facility when Commissioners have visited, support for increasing staff levels and a note of job well done to staff for a successful 2024 season. Tarosas, Hughes and Mach answered questions and responded to comments from the Board members to their satisfaction.

Victor noted she will not be attending the Board Meeting next Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Renner. Second by Stanko.

Voice vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.



Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners