

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

ANDERSON PARK DISTRICT

March 23, 2007

Mark Bissinger, President, called the special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Park District to order at 6:10 pm at the Park District Headquarters, 8249 Clough Pike. Present were Board Members: Gail Wright, Nadine Gelter. Also present were: Molly McClure, Executive Director; Bailey Martella, Business Director; Ken Kushner, Operations Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA: Mrs. Gelter moved for the Board to approve the agenda. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mr. Beischel, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Bissinger, Ms. Wright, Mrs. Gelter. (5); No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS: None.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND LEVY PLANNING: Ms. McClure and Mrs. Martella presented the Board with information regarding the Park District's current levy funding, the devaluation of the mileage and the summary information for each of the current bonds. See attached information.

A letter will be sent to the Auditor to request an estimation of what a 2008 Replacement Levy would generate in tax revenue.

The Board asked Ms. McClure and Mrs. Martella to gather several items for the next meeting:

1. Information from our 2000 Levy
2. A draft budget for a 2008 Levy Campaign
3. The inflation rate from 2000 to 2007
4. Open a Levy bank account for donations
5. Ask Anderson resident Harry Fermann to act as Treasurer for the Campaign.
6. Investigate whether Brewster Rhodes is available to be our levy consultant.
7. Ask Tom Luebbers to review our legislation to determine if changes are feasible to the "replacement levy" language.

Mrs. Gelter agreed to inquire as to whether the Trustees have been advised of our desire to place our levy on the 2008 ballot and seek their tentative approval.

Staff will work on a timeline for an update to our strategic plan. An information gathering process similar to our work with PROS consulting in 1999 and 2000 will be followed, (focus groups, written survey, public meetings). It is not the Board's intention to hire a consultant for the work but we will seek a volunteer facilitator to run the focus groups. The board reviewed the

written survey and will determine appropriate questions that should be asked for the new survey. This survey won't be finalized until after the focus groups take place because it may need to test key issues that arise out of this process. As a beginning point the following questions were suggested as possible topics: Do people want more neighborhood parks? Do we need a facility for teen activities? Should we plan for a Community Center – is Anderson ready to support one, what should be in it? Who might the partners include – YMCA, Beech Acres, Senior Center, Schools? Cost estimates and master plans items for each park will be revised and prioritized. The board will devote time at a future meeting to determine the scope of the revisions that are needed for our strategic plan.

TRAINING: Ms. Wright moved the Board approve the use of Park District credit card miles for Ms. McClure to attend a conference in Atlanta Georgia. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Ms. Wright, Mr. Bissinger (3), No: None. The motion carried unanimously. The cost of the conference and related expensed would come from funds in the Anderson Foundation earmarked for training.

At 9:17 p.m. there being no further business to be brought before this Board, Ms. Wright moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gelter seconded the motion. Voting: Yes: Mrs. Gelter, Mr. Bissinger and Ms. Wright. (3) No: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Bailey H. Martella
Business Director

Mark Bissinger

Nadine Gelter

Gail Wright