



*The mission of the Hoffman Estates Park District is to offer healthy and enjoyable experiences to our residents and guests by providing first class parks, facilities, programs and services in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.*

**MINUTES  
FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE  
September 30, 2014**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Forward Planning Committee was held on September 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner R. Evans; Comm Reps Dressler, Kaplan (7:11 pm), Kinnane, Musial, Neel, Triphahn, Winner, Wittkamp, Chairman Kilbridge

Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Deputy Director / A&F Director Talsma, P&D Director Buczkowski, Parks Director Giacalone, Facilities Director Kies

Audience: Commissioners McGinn, K. Evans, Greenberg, Chairman Bickham

**2. Agenda:**

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Triphahn to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**3. Minutes:**

Comm Rep Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Neel to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Comments from the Audience:**

None

5. **Old Business:**

None

6. **New Business:**

A. **Future Potential New Projects/Facilities/M14-108:**

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that the items listed were unfunded projects. Comm Rep Musial asked if they were a wish list and Executive Director Bostrom noted that to become viable projects either through capital and/or outside funding sources such as grants, the projects had to be linked to the district's objectives and, therefore, its budget. That made them more than just a wish list item.

Comm Rep Kaplan arrived.

Comm Rep Kinnane asked if grants specified types of projects and Executive Director Bostrom noted that they did. Comm Rep Kinnane asked if the district had someone dedicated to writing grants and Executive Director Bostrom explained that the district did at one time, however, grants were written in-house now.

Comm Rep McGinn asked if the district had advance notice for grants and Executive Director Bostrom explained they usually were aware of the grants 6 months in advance.

Comm Rep Musial asked why only the top 5 of the survey made the listing and why more items on the listing did not make the survey. Executive Director Bostrom explained that some of the listed ideas came out after the survey was completed, i.e. the community gardens came about due to the green initiatives. The committee reviewed the following items:

**Expand the existing daily activity space for seniors/active adults at TC:**

The committee reviewed the item.

**Off-Ice Training Facility:** Comm Rep K. Musial asked about this item noting that it would only benefit a small portion of people and many of them would not be residents. Comm Rep Dressler noted that hockey was a large part of the park district's revenues and Director Kies noted that it had a very high return on investment.

**Splash Pad/Water Feature – North of I90:** It was noted that the survey showed the issue to be a high priority on the north side. Commissioner R. Evans asked if residents would be happy with just a splash pad and Executive Director Bostrom explained that it would be more of a water

play area designed for a Community Park as opposed to a water feature in a Neighborhood Park. Director Buczkowski noted that there were slides that could be used in these water play areas, etc. Chairman Kilbridge asked about existing water features and it was noted that they were at Princeton, Community Park, Vogelei and Tropicana and all were busy. Commissioner K. Evans asked if there would be a water park without the standard park and Executive Director Bostrom explained that the southeast side of South Ridge would allow for a playground, water park play area and parking and that it might be a good grant project. Commissioner K. Evans asked about adults using the fitness area and it was noted that the fitness equipment around the lake had been removed but there was a fitness cluster. Staff was unsure how often it was used by adults. Chairman Kilbridge noted that she thought the trend was towards more electronically, interactive equipment. Director Buczkowski noted that Black Bear had equipment and he had seen adults using those stations.

**Providing New Indoor Multi-purpose Facility:** Comm Rep Kinnane questioned that if the public had shown an interest in having this facility, could they be counted on to support a referendum. Executive Director Bostrom explained that while residents might support the idea, it did not mean that they would welcome and increase in their tax bills to pay for the facility.

**Dog Park east of Barrington, south of I-90:** It was noted that the return on investment was very high for this item and Chino Park could be a good location. Comm Rep Kinnane asked about using Chino for the multi-purpose facility. Executive Director Bostrom noted that it could be a good fit for that item also, but he did not see the facility being built within the next 5 years.

**Converting existing baseball/softball fields to artificial turf:** It was suggested that it be athletic fields to include soccer with 90% construction costs from alternative revenues.

**Community Gardens:** Comm Rep Triphahn suggested checking out the Joliet Park District as they had done a good job with their gardens.

**Chino:** It was noted that Chino was being considered for the dog park and community gardens previously listed.

**West side Maintenance Garage:** Executive Director Bostrom explained that the west side parks required the use of the very large mowers that were presently being driven from the south of Hoffman to the west side at approximately 12-15 mph creating stress on the equipment and a

lack of efficiency for staff time. The west side garage would offer storage for this equipment.

**Additional tennis/pickleball courts:** Executive Director Bostrom noted that the district had great success with additional courts and was looking to expand this option.

**Children's Early Learning Garden/Comm Garden:** Executive Director Bostrom explained that it would work with the preschool program and Chairman Kilbridge suggested that it be a project easily funded through a grant.

**Extreme Challenge Fitness Adventure:** Executive Director Bostrom noted that it was a trending sport for teens and that the programs would be supervised.

**Additional Parking at PSSWC:** Executive Director Bostrom noted that with an expansion of members, additional parking would be a benefit.

**Nature/Environmental Ed Center:** Executive Director Bostrom explained that it could be located at Essex Park or the Golf Road Nature Preserve on the west side.

**Park & Playground Rule Signs:** Executive Director Bostrom explained that the signage needed to be updated throughout the district.

**Short Course:** Comm Rep Triphahn suggested making the course ADA compliant and using grant funding for the project from several sources.

**Winter Range Enclosure:** Executive Director Bostrom explained that the district did not want to replace the dome that they had used to offer a practice area over the winter and noted that a small structure with 3-4 hitting stalls could be used year round.

**Extended Stay Hotel:** it was noted that the district was looking for 100% outside funded for this project.

**Golf Road Access:** Executive Director Bostrom noted that it could benefit the BPC to have additional access, particularly for the Golf Learning Center and the bar and grill.

Comm Rep Neel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kinnane to approve the Future Potential New Projects/Facilities as unfunded projects within the CMP allowing for further research and possible funding as outlined in M14-108. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Strategic Plan/M14-109:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that they needed the strategic plan as part of the Master Plan. He explained that the initiatives were the “where we are headed and how we will get there” part of the plan on a large scale level as opposed to a micro level.

Chairman Kilbridge noted that this was why she felt it important for Commissioners and staff to attend conferences to stay ahead of the trends. Comm Rep Triphahn agreed noting that the information gained through conference helped the district in their CAPRA and other accreditations.

Comm Rep Musial asked if the components would become one plan and Executive Director Bostrom noted that they would. She also asked why she did not see the Community Gardens in the initiatives and Executive Director Bostrom noted that they were included in areas such as renovating Chino Park and not specifically identified as such. However, staff will look at more specific identification of the potential new projects in the initiatives.

Comm Rep Triphahn made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Winner to adopt the Initiatives as presented as part of the Strategic Plan. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Board/Committee Evaluations/M14-110:

President Bickham explained that he anticipated that the Commissioners, Comm Reps, Executive Director and Senior Staff would complete the evaluations on a regular basis to offer constructive comments to be used as benchmarking to move forward with the board/committee progress.

Comm Rep Kinnane asked who would evaluate and record the results and it was noted that it would be done on-line anonymously so that staff could collect the data. Discussion ensued regarding the timing of the evaluations and it was suggested that it be done every 2 years as opposed to 5.

Comm Rep Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Triphahn to recommend the board approve the Board/Committee Evaluations be incorporated as part of the HEPD CMP Plan/Process on a 2 year basis. The motion carried by voice vote.

**7. Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Neel noted that it had been great work.

Commissioner R. Evans reminded the committee of BPC Final Challenge October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Comm Rep Winner agreed that it had been great work.

Comm Rep Kinnane commended Executive Director Bostrom and staff on the presentation.

Comm Rep Dressler noted that she had begun participating in the 50+ group.

Chairman Kilbridge congratulated staff on their hard work and thanked everyone that had attended the Uncorked and Untapped Foundation Event.

**8. Adjournment:**

Comm Rep Neel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Triphahn to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom  
Secretary

Peggy Kusmierski  
Recording Secretary