



HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
Committee Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners
Irwin Community Center
18120 Highland Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430

Minutes of February 4, 2025

The Committee Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus were present. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Manager of Irons Oaks Cheryl Vargo, Coyote Run Manager Tom Denklau, Racquet & Fitness Club Customer Service Coordinator Brenda Feehery, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Freeman, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Accounting Manager Nikki Cypranowski, Recreation Supervisor Ethen Frierson, Recreation Supervisor Devin Frendreis, Secretary Anne Brabec, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas and Visitor Byron Walker.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

President Bachus informed everyone that Byron Walker, candidate for Park Commissioner, will be joining tonight's meeting to get a preview of the upcoming year.

Bachus continued by expressing his congratulations and sense of pride to Manager Davenport and the entire HFPD team for being awarded the Spirit of Courage Award at the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference. This honor reflects the core of who we are as a park district, and he is proud of the work that has been done. The Board is a million percent behind the district's DEI initiative, and he does not know how we would continue to meet the diverse and inclusive needs of our community without it.

Executive Director Boehm thanked everyone for attending the annual goals meeting. He reviewed the handout containing the park district's six core values and the proposed goals that staff suggested for each which will be discussed during the meeting. Boehm continued that final goals will be dependent on the outcome of the master plan and their financial impact.

President Bachus acknowledged that this will be the last goals discussion for two of the current commissioners, and thanked Linda Ojode for her participation in six goals planning sessions and Steve Johnson for contributing for an amazing 18 years.

DISCUSSION

a. 2025 – 2026 Goals

President Bachus acknowledged the amount of work that had already gone into preparing the prospective goals. He explained the process for the meeting will be to allow 15 minutes for each of the six core values. At their tables, participants will use the first five minutes to review that core value's proposed goals and choose the three they think are most important, as well as any that they would eliminate. Finally, they should determine if there is any prospective goal that was missed and not included on the list. At the end of the five minutes, tables reported on their choices and President Bachus asked for additional explanation, information and discussion as needed.

President Bachus and Executive Director Boehm thanked everyone for their participation and valuable input.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Douglas P. Boehm".

Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary