

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
JUNE 10, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present: President Mike Reid
Vice-President Michael Alter
Commissioner Susan Aberman
Commissioner Moe Yanes

Others Present: Director/Secretary John V. Ohrlund
Bill Inman, Hitchcock Design Group
Cassandra Rice, Hitchcock Design Group

Absent: Commissioner Jerry Clarito

CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Reid called the special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:58 p.m. followed by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Board input on the Comprehensive Plan.

INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION BY HITCHCOCK DESIGN GROUP

Mr. Inman discussed the status of the comprehensive plan process to date. Data gathering, assessment, and connecting with staff and the community have taken place.

Mr. Inman then began an exercise to solicit Board input on the issues of organizational strengths, strategic issues, and opportunities for improvement. Significant discussion took place. Strengths mentioned include low staff turnover, quality staff and leadership, creativity, synergy, intergovernmental cooperation, image, special events, board cohesion, programs and customer service. Strategic issues and areas of improvement discussed include changing demographics, communications, lack of open space, and connecting with community and ethnic groups. Resident Naomi Ben-Attar Yablong entered the meeting and commented briefly on the plan.

Mr. Inman and Ms. Rice then reviewed the assessment of the District to date including demographics, open space, level of service, park and facility inventory, and input to date from the community. Upcoming steps will include review of progress to date with administrative staff, strategy development, drafting of an action plan, additional presentations to the Board and completion of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Inman anticipates presentation of a final plan to the Board in August.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Alter moved to adjourn the special meeting. Commissioner Yanes seconded the motion. Motion carried. President Reid adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Michael Reid
President

John V. Ohrlund
Secretary