

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD WORKSHOP
OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
November 19, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present: President Mike Reid
Vice-President Khemarey Khoeun (arrived at 6:34 p.m.)
Commissioner Michael Alter
Commissioner Minal Desai

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary John V. Ohrlund
Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Michelle Tuft
Superintendent of Business Services Bill Schmidt
Superintendent of Parks Corrie Guynn
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Jon Marquardt
Steve Konters, Hitchcock Design Group
Jenna Beck, Hitchcock Design Group

Absent: Commissioner Susan Aberman

CALL TO ORDER

President Reid called the Workshop of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no comments from citizens.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONNECT PHASE DATA

Mr. Konters and Ms. Beck were introduced and presented a detailed summary of the Connect Phase results from full-time and part-time staff meetings, stakeholder meetings, board workshop, community meeting, and the online survey.

PRELIMINARY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Mr. Konters and Ms. Beck presented a summary of the preliminary needs assessment using the data collected in the connect phase. The needs were broken into three areas: parks, facilities and other. The top three preliminary needs in the park category were update aging parks amenities, update/replace playgrounds, and consider providing trending park amenities. The top three categories for facilities were update existing facilities/replace aging infrastructure, provide new and/or repurpose indoor facility space for additional recreation and programming, and provide opportunities for indoor aquatics. The top three categories under other were improve awareness to the community regarding available activities and resources, increase inclusive programming and recreation opportunities, and evaluate program offerings.

NEXT STEPS/SCHEDULE

Mr. Konters requested that the board provide any additional requests or information regarding the information presented to Superintendent Tuft by Friday, November 29. Staff have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 18 to begin to develop and prioritize strategies using all of the collected data.

ADJOURNMENT

President Reid thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Mike Reid
President

John V. Ohrlund
Secretary