

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Harris Auditorium of the County Administration Building, 1101 Beach St., Flint, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

APPOINTED MEMBERS

Joe Krapohl, President
James Washington, Vice President
William Lucas, Secretary
Rose Bogardus
Ted Henry
Shirley Prater
Raynetta Speed

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Bob Ranger, Jr., Designee
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Jeff Wright, Genesee County Drain Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

APPOINTED MEMBERS

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Billy Bradshaw, Genesee County Road Commission

STAFF PRESENT

Amy M. McMillan, Director
Ronald Walker, Facilities Director
Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer
Roxy Moreno, Planning and Development Director
Nancy Edwards, Recreation Program Specialist
Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist
Kimberly L. Cunningham, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Barkey, Commission Legal Counsel
Liz Shaw, *The Flint Journal*
Kaye Kreutzfeldt, Citizen
Larry Stricker, Citizen
Anthony Mansour, Citizen

CALL TO ORDER

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2007 REGULAR MEETING

President Krapohl requested any corrections and/or additions to the minutes. Commissioner

Bogardus moved to delete the comment about the GOP.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Washington, supported by Commissioner Prater, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2007 regular meeting as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to address the Commission. President Krapohl stated that per Commission rules speakers have three minutes to make their comments and should state their name and address for the record.

Larry Stricker of 3547 North Gale, Davison, stated the following:

He thanked the commissioners for helping out at the last meeting. He was going through Option 1 and did not see anything about porta-potties listed. If you want to make this family friendly, you've got to think as parents and grandparents. He wants to see this become one more jewel in the crown of the Genesee County Parks. Thank you.

Anthony J. Mansour stated the following:

He appears this morning on behalf of the Holloway Lake Association of which he is a member of the Board of Directors. The Holloway Lake Association is dedicated to the protection of the environmental integrity of the reservoir. They cooperate with the Genesee County Parks and Recreation and the Flint River Watershed Coalition in that regard. His main purpose of being here this morning is to let the Parks Commission that they have a keen interest in a subject to be addressed today. They believe that the landfill is a potential environmental time bomb. It has already caused damage to adjacent property owners who are members of the Association. For too many years in the past, successive owners of this landfill have regarded the facility as a cash cow with little regard to the damaged caused to the lake and adjacent land. They have not honored commitments made to the state agency to the detriment of the Association's members. Now, it appears that enough parties have taken an interest in these problems so that the new owners will act responsibly in the conduct of their business and trash management. The Association has prepared a position paper, which he filed with the clerk this morning. He thanked the Parks Commission for the opportunity to express the Association's views this morning.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. McMillan stated as usual there are many communications for the Parks Commission to consider today. However, she would like to draw attention to a particular communication and that is to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission. On a regular basis, the Planning Commission requests proposals for various programs for which they administer grant funds. One of these is the Transportation Improvement Program, which is more popularly known as TIP. The Parks and Recreation Commission has used the TIP program in the past to offset costs for the Flushing County Park Trailway, the Stepping Stone Falls Trailway, recently for design engineering in Linden. Staff received a call for projects recently for 2008-2011 and have asked the Planning Commission to consider providing 80% of the funding for the preliminary engineering for the completion of the Mott Lake Trail that connects to the Flint River Trail and goes around Mott Lake for construction engineering, _____, and construction over the course of the next three years. Planning Commission staff will review that and will respond to the Parks along their schedule. This project was noted as the highest priority in the Genesee Regional Trail Plan, which is still in the very last stages of a draft form, but is thought to be in it's final draft form and the Parks did not want to miss this call

for projects. Staff will keep the Parks Commission up-to-date on the projects.

Commissioner Bogardus asked if this is a continuation of the new trail. Ms. McMillan stated the Flint River Trail, itself, goes from Downtown to Carpenter and Bray Roads. The Parks picks up in two segments at Carpenter and Bray. One is the newly constructed trail and bridge to Stepping Stone Falls. From Stepping Stone Falls to Bluegill, there is a big gap in the trailway, and then the Parks picks up again at Bluegill and goes up to Genesee Road. Then, there is another gap going all the way to Crossroads Village and Bluebell. At Bluebell, there is what is no longer ASHTO acceptable because it is not the proper width and doesn't meet the barrier-free requirements, but another segment of very usable trail from Bluebell to Carpenter and Bray. We are missing three or four key segments and this project would complete those segments.

Commissioner Ranger asked if the Parks has an estimate on the average cost of how much it costs per mile. Ms. McMillan stated that in many of the Parks' trail areas those costs don't apply because there is so much engineering that is required. In Linden County Park, for example, which is pretty flat, we own the property; there are no wetlands to cross through that meet that formula very well. The Flint River Trail won't because they have to go around, through, and by wetlands, and around the lake. The bridge that was part of Stepping Stone Falls and at Flushing were tremendously expensive. In order to put the proposal together to the Planning Commission, staff talked to some engineers and used historical data that the Parks had. The engineers stated what they thought they would charge for the engineering phase and what they thought the construction phase would cost. Staff has ballpark figures for that.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Barkey stated that there was a procedural question that came up at the last meeting concerning the effect of a motion to call the question. When a procedural question like that comes up before the Parks Commission, the Resolution that formed the Parks Commission says that their procedure is governed by the newly revised version of "Robert's Rules of Order", which was newly revised in 1970. It has been revised several times since then. Under that procedure, called for in the newly revised edition, the process used by the Chair was correct. It is not universally followed by other's, who use a more recent edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" than the ones the Parks Commission is directed to use and the actual practice sometimes departs from "Robert's Rules", but the process the Parks Commission is obliged to use has to follow the older version of "Robert's Rules". He further stated that he was hoping that the memo he distributed was self-explanatory.

Attorney Barkey stated that the second item he has is also information. There has been a lawsuit started that requires no action. The lawsuit was filed by Alicia Kay Piotrowski and the Defendant is Richard E. Hammel, ex-chairperson, new state rep, Genesee County Board of Commissioners. He was given a copy by Mr. Wright's office. It was not served on the Parks Commission and he doesn't know the manner of service on Mr. Wright. It involves the drain project through For-Mar. It challenges the propriety that consistent with the Will, which gave For-Mar to the County. The contents of this lawsuit have been communicated with Corporation Counsel and are being conducted by his office, but he wanted the Parks Commission to know about it as a point of information.

Attorney Barkey stated that the third issue involves the Richfield Landfill that Mr. Mansour talked about. Attorney Barkey circulated a memo to all of the Parks Commissioners involving the history of the landfill and what is at issue now. Attorney Barkey said that the landfill used to be a gravel pit before 1966. In 1966, it was licensed by the State to be used as a landfill. The technology in 1966 is night and different from landfill technology today. In 1966, the technology of the landfill was you dug a hole and you filled it in with household refuse. This was the technology used when the landfill was opened. The landfill was operated from 1966 until 1985. It is in the area of the Holloway Reservoir surrounded by residences and undeveloped land. It is hilly, rolling undulating property. Because it is

near the reservoir, the water table under it is fairly higher than it would be otherwise. All the residences there use water wells for their water supply. There is no public sewer, which services people along the southern half of the landfill between the landfill and the Holloway Reservoir. The reservoir, itself, is owned by the City of Flint. It is leased to the Parks Commission under a 99-year lease. The date of the lease is 1968 so there are plenty of years left on the lease. It is recreational use. There are private residences in the area and one of the property owners in the County of Genesee. The landfill operated until about 1987 when it was closed by a consent order. Before that consent order was entered into, the then owners and proprietors of the landfill asked for permission to add two more cells (additional areas) to this and they got permission to construct both cells. Those cells were actually under construction in 1987 when the then owners of the landfill agreed to close the older section, the so-called Act 87 portion of the landfill (the one using the old technology). The technology used in the beginning of 1985 and for the next several years was the new technology. The approach of the new technology involves encapsulating the household refuse and containing it and anything coming out of it pumping for proper disposal and treatment off site; completely different than the technology in force in 1966, when the original landfill was constructed. They were built fairly closely to one another, immediately contiguous on the same site, more or less. Some unusual things happened; the proprietors of the landfill that wanted the two new cells constructed signed a consent order calling for closure of the old site, which provided for lots of things, and development of the new site. Of the two new cells, one of them was approved for construction and after it was constructed, it was allowed to operate and it began to accept household refuse and things went along. The second cell was allowed to be constructed using the permit, but by the time all the construction called for in the permit was completed, the DEQ asked for some additional things; the landfill did not want to give them the additional things; a legal dispute arose that resulted in about ten years of litigation between the then owners of the landfill and the DEQ. During those ten years, the landfill operation ceased.

In 2002, an entity known as Richfield Equities acquired an ownership interest in the landfill and things began to happen about 2002. Lots of activity has taken place there. Richfield Equities entered into another consent order with MDEQ which provided that Richfield Equities would take over the closure activities of the old landfill and Richfield Equities has applied for permission to reopen one of the two cells that was constructed earlier, to construct two more cells, and open two more cells on the same site. They have done a great deal of monitoring since that time and they have been given permission to reopen one of the cells currently in operation, Cell 2. We've got the old Act 87, which is closed subject to these closure activities; Cell 1, which he does not believe is in operation; and Cell 2 which is in operation currently, and there is currently an application to construct two additional cells on the site. That application to construct the two additional cells is what brings it before the Commission today. The process when that happens is - the people who would like to build new landfill sites have to do a study, which determines the impact of the construction on the surrounding areas and on the land that it's on, that study has been done. After that study is done, they are obliged to provide a remedial action plan (RAP) which outlines what remedial action is proposed to address the impacts that have been studied and reported in its study. The process that this takes place is that the application is given to the MDEQ, a study is done, the preliminary RAP is formulated and is given to DEQ and it is circulated among the public for comment. After that is done, the comments are studied by the MDEQ and a final version of the remedial action plan is drafted and agreed upon the MDEQ and the proprietor. Then the process calls for that RAP to come before the public in a public hearing conducted by MDEQ. After that public hearing, the MDEQ then considers approving the construction of the new site. That is the process. The place where we are at right now is last fall the preliminary study had been done. About 20 monitoring locations all around the site, within the site, and outside the site were established and studied and reports of that study by Insight Environmental Services was produced and made public. A hearing was held in Richfield Township last fall. All interested parties, were invited and the Parks Commission attended. At that meeting, the consultants and the proprietors of the landfill and Richfield Township concerning what the study showed made a presentation and what the preliminary RAP contained. Following the meeting, the MDEQ received 83

comments, which he's told is quite a high number of comments, and has kept in study from last fall until now. They are currently engaged in discussions between the MDEQ and the proprietor of the landfill to address these comments. That is the status of it now. These discussions are on going, and in the normal course of things, these private discussions between the landfill and the MDEQ will collimate in a consensus between them and a remedial action plan. The next thing that would normally happen, and we expect that it is going to happen sometime this summer if not late-spring, is we will get a remedial plan and will be invited to a public hearing and that remedial action plan will be proposed for additional public comment. There are many people who have interest in this. The Holloway Lake Association, the Parks Commission, as the proprietary of the recreational use of the reservoir, the City of Flint as the owner of the reservoir; the Drain Commission and the surrounding landowners, who include the County of Genesee, have a vital interest in what is proposed and in the study. The proprietors of the landfill have been very cooperative in furnishing this study. The study is seven volumes, which was given to Mr. Wright's office to study and help the Parks analyze it. The results of the analysis have been given to Nancy Dillingham of Corporation Counsel's Office, their environmental specialist. The approach that we could take as a Commission is that they could be passive or they could be proactive. If the Parks Commission is passive, then they would wait until the RAP is determined and completely formulated and wait for the public hearing and see what arises and react to it. There is another approach possible. The Parks Commission could involve the entities that they know about (at least the municipal entities that they know about) with vital interests in the development of this RAP and the operation of the landfill, which would be Mr. Wright's office, the City of Flint, the County of Genesee, and the Parks Commission. The Parks Commission could be more proactive and see if they can involve their self in these discussions between the MDEQ and the developer at a time when the RAP is still under discussion and being developed to make sure that the Parks Commission's interests are represented in those discussions. He has a preliminary discussion with the proprietor of the landfill. There is a potential that the Parks Commission's discussion might result in something that these four municipal entities could endorse and that would be very valuable for the proprietor of the landfill and it might be very valuable to the MDEQ, or it might be something that the Parks Commission cannot endorse (which won't be known until the discussions are entered into). In which case, the Parks Commission has done no damage and would oppose it at the public hearing anyway. Attorney Barkey circulated a resolution which authorizes the Commission to attempt to join forces with the four municipal entitles and involve themselves in the discussion and that is what he is recommending the Parks Commission consider. Nancy Dillingham is here to answer questions about what was proposed last fall and what might be proposed this summer may be completely different.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Bogardus, supported by Commissioner Wright, to adopt the resolution prepared by legal counsel in the Richfield Landfill issue that the Parks Commission participate in the discussions with the owner of Richfield Landfill and the MDEQ that address the mutual interests for the goal of development of a Remedial Action Plan that can be endorsed by the Parks Commission.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0.

DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT

Parks Status Report

Ms. McMillan asked Mr. Walker for his report.

Mr. Walker stated the following:

Mounds ORV – On March 15th, the Mounds will only be open to the scramble area, which is the agreement that the Parks has with the residents in that area. It will not be open for full-size trucks.

Park House – The park house on Genesee Road, very close to the administrative office, has been removed. Right now there is site restoration to get ready for the Genesee Township Veterans Memorial.

Cummings Center – Insight Environmental was out completing the soil borings. Staff should have results from that very soon.

Maintenance Staff – The maintenance staff has completed their maintenance servicing of the lawnmowers and the large mowing equipment.

Multi-Use Trail – The application for the non-motorized Mott Lake Trail has been turned in, which is part of the Flint River Trail System around Mott Lake. The project should be completed approximately three years from now.

Ms. McMillan then asked Ms. Moreno for her report.

Ms. Moreno stated the following:

Volunteer Recognition Dinner – The dinner is April 17th.

Day Out With Thomas – The planning committee is meeting today and is excited about this year's event. Tickets have been selling at a very steady pace. As of this morning, 1,066 tickets have been sold.

Music in the Parks – Music in the Parks is going to open its season at Crossroads Village on Thursday, June 21st. Last year, there were 500 people who attended that concert. On Monday, July 2, the concert is at Riverbank Park. On Tuesday, July 10, the concert is at Linden County Park. On Thursday, July 12, the concert is at For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum. At Max Brandon Park on Tuesday, July 17th. At Kearsley Park on Thursday, July 19th, and at Mott Park on Tuesday, July 24th.

Crossroad Village – There is a very exciting programming season at CRV, starting with opening weekend, May 26-28 with a Tour of the West. In June the programming continues with the Artisan Showcase (June 2-3), Children's Literature Comes Alive (June 9-10), Heroes Through the Ages (June 16-17), and International Fair (June 23-24). In July, there will be the Old-Fashioned Country Fair (June 30-July 1), Michigan-My-Michigan Festival (July 7-8), Huckleberry Festival (July 11-15), Old-Time Music Festival (July 21-22), and Farm & Garden Festival (July 28-29). In August, there will be Railfans Weekend (August 4-5), Mystery Trail (August 11-12), Day Out With Thomas (August 17-19 & 24-26), and Harvest Festival (September 1-2).

Ms. McMillan then asked Nancy Edwards for her report.

Ms. Edwards stated the following:

For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum – We've been busy at For-Mar again. Staff has submitted a request to the Friends of For-Mar for a couple of different projects (landscape renovations to the corner of Genesee and Davison, which is also part of the Cultivating Our Community Project). They are also considering a funding request for benches for the barrier-free trail and the Discovery Backpack Program.

Flyers – She included in the Commission packet flyers for the For-Mar Spring Break programs, For-Mar On-the-Road In-School Programs and the Kids Fishing Derby.

Seasonal Staff – The seasonal staff hiring has begun. The interviews start in full on Saturday.

Boat Launch Permits – The boat launch permits have been ordered and should be here in the next couple of weeks. The boat launches open on April 28th.

Campground Reservations – In response to the question at the last meeting regarding campground reservations, as of March 2, there were 290 reservations for the entire season.

Eagle Scout Project – She is working with a young man from Grand Blanc Schools on an Eagle Scout project. He is getting constructing and placing metal filament recycling bins at ten of the Parks' fishing locations. Broken and discarded fishing line and fishing hooks are environmentally hazardous and dangerous so he is proposing bins to hold these items. The bins will be located in areas that will be easily accessible and visible to fisherman. Amy noted that Nancy met him at Grand Blanc High School at a Career Fair and worked with him to put together a project.

Joe Krapohl added that if any commissioners really want to see a fun time with children, he would encourage them to attend the Fishing Derby. He talked to many adults who had never been outside the City of Flint to enjoy any of the County Parks.

Amy stated that as Nancy mentioned, hiring season has begun. Last year we hired 391 seasonal employees and expect to hire the similar number of people. A number of people return from last year but we always have openings in each our division. Our policy is that if you would like to recommend someone for hire, you may do so. We do not guarantee them a job, but we do guarantee them an interview. Please let us know what the individual's name is and we'll be certain they are interviewed. Please encourage people you know to apply, we are always looking for good people. They can call Human Resources downtown 257-3034 press 0 or, our number 736-7100 or applications are available on line at the Parks website and County website.

Ms. McMillan then asked Ms. McShane for her report.

Ms. McShane stated the following:

Crossroads Village brochures went to print and distribution should begin next week throughout the State of Michigan, Genesee Intermediate School District, plus it is downloadable from our web page.

The Travel Michigan magazine that has our advertising inside will be at all 13 Michigan Welcome Centers in addition to people who subscribe to Midwest Living also receive this insert as well. Hilda showed the pages that displayed our ads as well as the editorial about our facilities. This is distributed to over 1.5 million households.

Family Fun Guide includes Crossroads and Belle information this year as well as a calendar of events. It will go in the Flint Journal next Monday, March 12, 2007.

Answer Book -We are also participating in the Flint Journal's Answer Book as we have in the past to be distributed in April.

Parade Magazine - In the very near future you'll see our Crossroads and Day out with Thomas advertisements in the Parade Magazine (inside the Flint Journal). This goes to Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Over 1.5 million people will see this as well.

Exhibits & Shows - We continue to do exhibits to promote For-Mar. We just completed the Steelheader exhibit where we distribute Parks information.

Capital Improvement Program

Discussed the Capital Improvement Program that was addressed back in January at the Commissioners retreat and at the meeting two weeks ago. The budget is built on several "if" factors relating to revenue projections, "if" revenue increases from millage, "if" we continue to host Day Out with Thomas. Some of our revenue sources that have an influence on the budget year after year are the accommodations tax, interest rates. All have an important impact on not only our operation budget, but our ability to do capital improvement planning. This year is unique because it appears that our increases in various revenue sources may outpace our increases in various cost areas. Those are only projections however, but we are cautiously optimistic. However the current 5 year plan that is required for all public parks recreation agencies to be eligible for funding through the Department of Natural Resources expires at the end of 2007 and needs to be renewed by the end of February, 2008 in order to remain eligible for grant applications from 2008 through the next 5 years.

One of the most important section of any 5 year master plan is the capital improvement section. It explains to the granting agency what it is that a parks recreation agency wants to do, how much will it cost, why they want to do it and why the granting agency should give them part of the money to do it. It's been pointless the last nearly 5 years because there has been no hope of providing matching funds for grants. Smaller projects have been afforded some matching funds but no major projects.

This year we'd like to blend the two issues together, a capital improvement plan and the need to update the 5-year recreation plan. We'd like to be able to provide the GCPRC with solid, meaningful data on which to make decisions. Frequently we hear from only select groups or staff only interacts with specific user groups.

We'd like to work with an agency, no commitments have been made with any agencies at this time, (C.A.E.R. was mentioned) to survey park users, create focus groups on site to ask what park users want to see in terms of capital improvements. From there we'd like to prioritize these ideas so when we begin a new budget year or receive an unexpected gift we could look at the items on the top of the list of improvements for various facilities. We would use this data and these priorities and feel confident that whatever we spend the money on is for what people use, and what people want, and works for the system as a whole. This project (data collection) should take us through December of 2007. We should use this information to help put together our 5-year plan to submit to the State that would then make us eligible for grants. This data would also be helpful in securing grants not only from public funding like DNR but from private funding sources like foundations as well. It will give us good demographic, zip code, income levels. Amy asked that the commission concur with this general direction; to put us on the road to developing capital improvement plans for Parks Commission. Of course we would have to keep in mind that we always have the "if" factor to contend with and hope that nothing major breaks that we have to pay for that was unplanned.

Commissioner Bogardus stated that she can see where we might not adopt specific projects but that funds should be set aside funds for capital development in the regular budgeting process rather than to see what is proposed later. She thinks the funds should be specified but not the projects.

Commissioner Ranger clarified that the motion is to seek a proposal to see how much it would cost to do this study. He asked if we had any idea how much the proposal would cost to which Amy stated she did not know.

Motion to authorize staff to receive a proposal from the Center for Applied Environmental Research (to begin the process of updating the Master Plan and the development of the Capital Improvement Plan).

Action Taken - Motion by Commissioner Washington, supported by Commission Lucas and Prater

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0.

Deer Browse Assessment

Update on the request to consider deer hunting on our property. There are several steps in this process – to determine what the deer population is, how it impacts us environmentally, and the next step is to do a quality of deer browse analysis of the areas of concern. There is one agency that does this all other public agencies and it's name is Michigan Natural Features Inventory. They have provided us with a proposal that would cost the Parks Commission \$6631.00.

Michigan Natural Features Inventory also provided us with second proposal, which she recommends that we not proceed with the second proposal until after the initial study in the first proposal is complete. The second proposal outlines the next steps to be taken if the Parks Commission decides it wants further studies and over the course of several years. That proposal is \$109,000.00. Amy request that the Commission approve the proposal for \$6631.00 for the purposes of conducting the field surveys and producing the report as described in the first proposal.

It is projected that the study would be presented to us in September. The company will determine how many deer there are per acre and what does the plant life and environment look like in those areas. The second proposal takes the study one step further by fencing deer outside of a particular area and comparing plant life and environment between where deer are allowed and where they are excluded. This option is not included in the 6,631.00 proposed bid. Commissioner Bogardus questioned whether they could give us a good assessment without the type of data that would be collected from the second, more extensive study of plants and environment. Amy said that they will be able to provide a “big picture” type of assessment.

Motion to contract with Michigan Natural Features Inventory for a one year study on the assessment of deer browse in Genesee County Parks.

Action taken – Motion by Commissioner Washington, supported by Commissioner Henry to contract with Michigan Natural Features Inventory’s first proposal.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Henry, Krapohl, Lucas, Prater, Washington, Ranger, Wright, Bogardus
Nays: None
Absent: Speed, Bradshaw

MOTION CARRIED 8-0

Recommendation from Crossroads Village Advisory Committee

No recording of this discussion is available on tape.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Crossroads Village Advisory Committee to accept donations.

Action Taken – Motion by Washington, supported by Prater to accept the Advisory Committee’s recommendation for donations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

Ratification of Payment of Bills – Ms. McMillan recommended approval.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Ranger, to ratify payment of bills for the time period of February 13, 2007 through February 22, 2007.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Krapohl, Lucas, Prater, Washington, Ranger, Wright, Bogardus, Henry

Nays: None

Absent: Bradshaw, Speed

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0.

Ratification of Commissioner Investments – Ms. McMillan recommended approval.

Commissioner Bogardus questioned whether, after an audit, we receive outside ideas about our investments, or an investigation of how our investments are being made. She cited a case in California where Commissioners were charged criminally as being responsible for bad investments that were made by their treasurer. Amy related that the County Treasurer makes all of the investments on behalf of the Parks Commission as mandated by law. We are part of the County's overall audit and the Parks do not independently audit those investments.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Washington, supported by Commissioner Ranger, to ratify wired payments of investments for the time period of February 6, 2007 through February 13, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Joe Krapohl announced that this would be Kim Cunningham's last meeting with the Commission, she is moving to Corporate Counsel office. On behalf of the Commission he thanked her for her work on the minutes. Other commissioners wished her well and thanked her for a job well done on Commission minutes.

Rose Bogardus wanted to add to the agenda a request for information regarding the Parks policy regarding motor coach traffic. There was no objection to adding it to the agenda for the next meeting.

Closed Session

Amy requested a motion to discuss an issue regarding an investigation under closed session. The basis of the motion would be to discuss the contents of privileged communication. If the Commission wishes to discuss the contents of the communication it could be done in closed session. If the letter from the attorney is sufficient, and there is no need to discuss it further, there is no need to go into closed session.

Action Taken – No motion made to go into closed session.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if any of the Parks Commissioners wanted to speak.

Commissioner Ranger: Thanked Judge Mansour for being a champion of the environment and his support of Holloway Reservoir area over the years.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to address the Commission.

No comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

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