

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THEBOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2021, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Ochoa

Roll call of Commissioners: Theodore Ruthenberg, Vincent Franchetti, William Ochoa, Michael Sinde

Commissioners Absent: Brandon Richardella

Staff / Others Present: Interim Executive Director Octavio Carbajal, Minutes Secretary Karen Zielinski, Director of Recreation Joshua Edwards, Kevin Brown of Browntown Communication, Park District Attorney Robyn Molaro

Public Comments: None
** Public comments are welcome. Public Comments should be kept to 2 minutes per speaker*

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: None

AGENDA:

1. **DISCUSSION** – Recreation Coordinator Position update by Joshua Edwards. Only two people needed for the Recreation Department as extra help. Commissioner Ruthenberg asked if Emmanuel Esparza job has been posted and if the Park District needs to streamline getting Joshua Edwards help. Attorney Molaro stated that it would be easiest to fill the position that is open. Mr. Edwards also informed the board, that with the loss of Hayley Woodward a second person is need and the fulltime position was posted four weeks ago. Commissioner Ruthenberg stated that the final say would be the Interim Directors. Mr. Carbajal stated he trusted Mr. Edwards to select his own staff. Main office is shorthanded as well and falls under Recreation Department. Mr. Edwards is to post full time position for Recreation and Office. Commissioner Sinde stated that it might be cheaper to get two part time staff members instead of one full time. Interim Director Carbajal said two part time positions at 18 hours per week each would be fine if Mr. Edwards feels he can manage two seasonal employees. Commissioner Sinde asked if anything needs to be done with budget allocation? Attorney Molaro said she would review the budget in next couple of days.
2. **DISCUSSION** – After School Program Counselor Position. Planning to have an afterschool program with District 130 with a park district counselor at their facility Monday thru Friday from 3:00pm through 6:00pm. Attorney Molaro stated this position was not appropriated in the current budget. Attorney Molar said there were more budget issues and would check with former Director Wogan. Mr. Edwards stated he would like to start this program at the beginning of the school year and District 130 would like to finalize the agreement. Commissioner Sinde stated that the school district has more money to run this kind of program.
3. **UPDATE** – Hart Park Update. Interim Director Carbajal and Luiz Montoya of Recreation discussed the options for Hart Park play lot insulation and were moving toward the \$72,000 quote, it would give a longer life to the unit. Final decision will be given when the Grant money is received.

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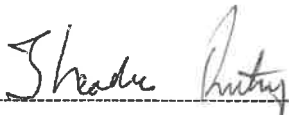
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4. **DIRECTORS REPORT:** Kevin Brown of Browntown Communications. Commissioner Sinde asked about the website questionnaire. Mr. Brown said he should have the information in next couple weeks. Commissioner Sinde said that we need to add something that states we will be updating our site. Mr. Brown said he will have the questionnaire on all social media and at the main office as well. Commissioner Sinde, Joshua Edwards Commissioner Ruthenberg discussed the progress of the Master Plan. The Board also discussed hiring a fulltime marketing person or a revised agreement with Browntown to be the Marketing presence. Commissioner Sinde said that contracting Marketing out made more sense. Excited at the possibility, Mr. Brown will put a proposal together for next meeting. Commissioner Ruthenberg asked regarding the fall programs book. Mr. Brown was hoping to have a working sample for the board by next meeting.
5. **Executive Session** Motion to move to Executive Session was made by William Ochoa and Seconded by Commissioner Sinde. Roll Call: Commissioner Franchetti, Ruthenberg, Ochoa, Sinde. All Aye. Motion carried.

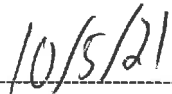
Re-enter Committee of the Whole, no action taken.

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole of the Board was made by Commissioner Sinde and seconded by Commissioner Franchetti. All aye, meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Approved



Theodore Ruthenberg, President
Blue Island Park District



Date