

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF  
THE BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT HELD DECEMBER 6, 2022, AT 7:00PM

Call to order: 7:15pm

Roll call of Commissioners: Michael Powers, Vincent Franchetti, and Michael Sinde

Commissioners Absent: William Ochoa, Brandon Richardella

Staff / Others Present: Executive Director Theodore Ruthenberg, Park District Attorney Ann Williams Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal

Public Comments: None

*\* Public comments are welcome. All comments should be kept to 2 minutes to assume time for all to speak.*

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: None

**AGENDA:**

**1. DISCUSSION – Department Updates.**

- a. Maintenance: Ken Bereta and his staff have been working on replacing all wood on the sled launch. Ice rink at Hart is taking up time, has water, just waiting on the freeze. Christmas Decorations have gone up. Hayride at the parade was slow due to the cold, had a lot of competition this year.
- b. Recreation, Joshua Edwards has Basketball coming up. Luiz Montoya's soccer program games at Midlothian and is sold out. Enrollment started in the beginning of December.
- c. Director of Operations Octavio Carbajal is working on payroll.
- d. Security, amongst their other duties has been helping at Kerr Middle School after school. This request came from the principal in exchange for the usage of their gym for Park District programs.

**2. DISCUSSION – Trunk or Treat Update**

Over 40 trunks and approximately 1,200 people were in attendance. Park District also had small petting zoo, kiddie rides, face painter and a few touch-a-trucks. Commission Sinde suggested having a fast pass for residence that registered early as well as more vendors.

**3. DISCUSSION – Tot Lot Update**

Photos of the completed repairs at Tot Lot fence accident was given to the commissioners for review. Driver did not have insurance and replacement cost was around \$5,000. Fencing will be painted in the spring.

**4. DISCUSSION – Review of Winter Programming.**

Santa House is scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights. Gingerbread workshop, Train Trip, Stocking Delivery are coming up. Low enrollment for Gingerbread and Stocking delivery. Emails have been sent out to District 130 Schools. Train ride is sold out. Commissioner Sinde is asking for events to be published earlier and is looking forward to spring programming updates.

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5. **DISCUSSION** – Hart Park Rink.

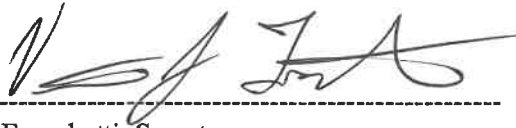
Approximate cost so far for the Ice Rink is around \$2,000. Location was changed to Hart Park due to public requests. Will have ice skates available for rent.

6. **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Light Parade. Any suggestions regarding Light Parade. Commissioner Powers suggested placing hayride at a different location, may have more interest. Many people have been asking for Blue Island items and apparel to be sold. There is also the Memorial/Centennial print by Jack Simmerling that is in the Memorial Hall that could be reproduced. Push brick sales this spring.

Motion adjourn the Committee of the Whole was made by Commissioner Franchetti and seconded by Commissioner Powers. All aye, Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Approved



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Vincent Franchetti, Secretary  
Blue Island Park District



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Date