

QUINCY PARK DISTRICT
1310 Washington Street
Quincy, Illinois

Board Study Session
Board Room-Emerson Community Center

January 24, 2011
6:00 P.M.

The Quincy Park District Board of Commissioners of the Quincy Park District held a Board Study Session in the Board Room at Emerson Community Center, 1310 Washington, Quincy, IL.

ROLL CALL: Present: President John Frankenhoff, Vice President Tom Behrens, Commissioners Terry Anastas, Patty McGlothlin, Don Adolfs and Mike Ridder.

Absent: Chris Hogge.

Staff in attendance included: Executive Director – Dan Gible, Director of Business Services Hilgenbrinck, Director of Parks Ed Seger, Director of Program Services Mike Bruns, Director of Golf Matt Burry, Maintenance Supervisors Chris Veihl, Rome Frericks and Rick Miles, Recreation Supervisors Mark Callaway and Melinda Murk, Park Safety Supervisor Robin Schild and Recording Secretary – Vicky Egbert.

President Frankenhoff called the meeting to order.

Executive Director Gible stated that he would have staff discuss the information that was delivered to commissioners last Friday and is being presented as a piece of the comprehensive plan to make long range decisions over the next 3-5 years.

Director of Parks Ed Seger presented the park audit tonight as a work in progress to be used for auditing in the future. He stated this is a park audit, not a buildings or facilities audit. He spoke about issues with each particular park. He stated that all the prices shown are contract prices and would need to be adjusted accordingly if done with force account labor or done in the near future versus doing it 5 years from now. Vice President Behrens stated that there has been a lot of work put into it and thanked staff. Seger stated that they have not done age projections on each park road but he has talked with the City of Quincy as to how they analyze road repairs and they told him they wait until March to see where the winter wear is and do repairs. Seger stated that this will show that we have been spending about \$45,000 each year on maintenance repairs and this audit will show that possibly we should have been spending \$150-200,000 each year to keep up. Gible explained that he asked staff to use 3-5 years life expectancy to start the audit process and build the data base history. Commissioner Anastas stated that it makes sense to put aside dollars for infrastructure each year. Vice President Behrens asked for changes to the front page to add page numbers next to the park and make another total column. Behrens asked about waterline replacement shown for several parks and Seger stated that most of it is age related. Commissioners were very pleased with the park audit report and appreciated the work involved and feel it's very helpful.

Executive Director Gible stated that if you see anything you would like to see changed, or things we missed, please email us those changes. He stated that we will bring this back to the board in the future for their final review.

Executive Director Gibble stated that another part of comprehensive planning is to do an audit of programs and services in the local community. This provides you with information on who's offering what, the age of participants and the programs offered for each age group. Director of Program Services Mike Bruns and his staff, Mark and Melinda, did a lot of the work on this. They used the phone book and internet to compile information. This spreadsheet quickly shows you what age group is lacking services and what activity is not being offered in our community. He stated that sports are well covered in our area by other agencies and he has his staff focus on offering programs in the gaps and not compete with other agencies within the community. Bruns went over his spreadsheet and explained programs that are needed in the community and what the district might want to include in our programming. He stated that as new recreation opportunities open in town, we need to keep our facilities fresh and updated or create new features to keep our customers coming back. Bruns stated that doing surveys and marketing will help us to discover what we need to offer and improve our programming. The board and staff suggested some things we are lacking in the community that were not included on the audit: shuffleboard, triathlons, Steamboat cooking classes, dodge ball, cycling classes, Heartland roadrunners and walker club, table tennis, JWCC photography classes, and the big unknown is the Kroc Center. They plan to have a walking path, climbing wall, indoor water park and lap pool to be opened in September of 2011. Commissioner Anastas suggested the Boy/Girl Scouts could have environmental programs. Frankenhoff wondered if we should include Quincy University students in some of the programming we offer that the school doesn't offer. Gibble asked the board what their opinion is with offering programs already being offered in the private sector? Commissioner Ridder stated that it needs to be offered on case by case basis and the after school program is a good example of that. He stated that archery is offered at Gamemaster's so maybe we close our range and not compete with them. Commissioner Anastas doesn't feel that we should be in competition but fill gaps and not duplicate services. He stated that Quincy has always been good about working together as a community. Gibble stated that we could share this with other agencies and we will use this as part of the comprehensive planning process to make our case for coming to the board and wanting to do that specific programming. Gibble stated again, if you notice things that we've left off, please email us. The Board felt there is value in this tool also.

Gibble stated the next item on the agenda is CCLP and what is the district's next step. He provided the board with some additional handout information based on the premise that we would issue GO Bonds as normal and then outside of that process how would we proceed inside or outside the bond setting for funding. Director of Business Services Hilgenbrinck put together some information on the financial impact for stand alone bonding for some sections of CCLP depending on which section you want to build and the years of repayment. He is asking for the board to give staff direction on where we want to go in the future with development. President Frankenhoff stated that he would not want to see us go more than 3-4 years out with the payments and Vice President Behrens agreed stating that we have been living with the Westview irrigation bond and don't want to do that again. Frankenhoff stated that there is not as much of a rush as we thought since we are moving the traditional Spring bonding to the fall of 2011. Commissioner Anastas stated that community input is important

and feels that focus needs to be 12th to 5th to create a link to the riverfront. Gible stated that we could create a cul-de-sac on the bluff at the Veteran's Home as a natural place to turn around and close off Parker Heights Park and connect to the riverfront. He stated that raising the grade to 8%, doesn't eliminate us from a state grant but they might count off a little by doing that. Commissioner Anastas stated that he would like to see us bite off bigger bites with financing and not straddle future boards with our debt.

With no further business to discuss, COMMISSIONER RIDDER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCGLOTHLIN TO ADJOURN THE STUDY SESSION. UNANIMOUS. PRESIDENT FRANKENHOFF DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

President

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