

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING NO. 847
MINUTES**

Call to order

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District was called to order at 7:02 pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 South University Boulevard, Centennial, Colorado. Chair John Ostermiller presided.

(Note to the file: Special posting had been accomplished, per State statute. /ds)

Present: John K. Ostermiller
Susan M. Rosser
Pamela M. Eller
Michael T. Anderson
Scott A. LaBrash

Management Staff: Deanna R. Heyn, Acting Executive Director
Dave Brueggeman, Acting Director of Parks & Open Space
Brett Collins, Director of Planning & Development
Teresa Cope, Director of Communications
Jay Dikeman, Director of Hospitality Services
JoAnn Gould, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Mike MacLennan, Director of IT
Rich Meredith, Executive Director, Hudson Gardens
Bill Ramsey, Director of Golf
Clay Shuck, Deputy Recreation Manager
Steve Shipley, Director of Finance

Agenda

Mr. Ostermiller reported there would be two items on the agenda tonight: the Executive Director search, and a motion for an Executive Session.

Executive Director appointment

Mr. Ostermiller reported on the recent series of interviews with the three Executive Director finalists Lora “Dody” Erickson, Rob Hanna, and Christopher Nunes. On June 11, four panels composed of staff directors and other staffmembers, community members, representatives from partner cities, and representatives from other user groups (total, about 30 members) interviewed all three candidates and provided input to the Board of Directors (which served as the Search Committee for this position). The Board of Directors received input from all the directors (senior management) of the District and conducted one-on-one interviews on June 12 as well. Mr. Ostermiller expressed appreciation for the participation for the interest and the time spent by everyone for this search.

Boardmembers had no additional comments at this time.

MRS. ROSSER MOVED TO SELECT ROB HANNA FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT. Mrs. Eller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and **the motion was approved unanimously (5-0).**

Next, the Board of Directors and search firm consultant will work to reach a letter of agreement with Mr. Hanna in the very near future. (Currently, Mr. Hanna is the Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf in the Town of Castle Rock.)

MINUTES

Mr. Ostermiller assured those present, the Board took all the input provided and considered it, for all the applicants. The process of the search started with 66 applicants and continued to three finalists. Mr. Hanna brings a great deal to the District. He has a very strong record of parks, open space, and golf in Castle Rock. Mr. Ostermiller looks forward to working with him and starting a new era for South Suburban.

Mr. LaBrash thanked staff and the community for their time investment on all the panels. These were three really good finalists. He echoed Mr. Ostermiller's comments. It was an interesting process and decision.

Mrs. Rosser thanked Mrs. Heyn for her perseverance to bring the process to fruition, and everyone who stepped up. During the process, she realized what Mr. Lorenz has been to the District and how hard it would be to fill his shoes.

Mr. Anderson looks forward to moving forward with Mr. Hanna. He noted Mr. Hanna's achievements in Castle Rock. This district, with its size and complexity, will be a challenge. For Castle Rock, Mr. Hanna has provided innovation, good leadership, and effectiveness. Mr. Anderson is excited about the new opportunity.

Mrs. Eller stated this was the first time (and hopefully, last time) she'll participate in a process like this. She was impressed with Mr. McKenney; his search firm was an excellent choice; she thanked staff for helping make the decision to choose Peckham & McKenney. Through the process, she heard from people involved about the quality of the current District staff, and she believes this quality was a real selling point to the candidates. Staff showed their mettle during the search; she thanked them.

Executive Session

At 7:10 pm, **MRS. ELLER MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO, OR, AS AUTHORIZED BY... C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4), #**

- (E) FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS.**

Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously (5-0). The Board of Directors continued into Executive Session and returned at 7:50 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the group adjourned for the evening at 7:50 pm.

Donna Shephard
Executive Assistant

/ds