

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2014

Commissioners present: Breen, Brooks, Ludwig, and Hogan.

Commissioners absent: Auker.

Staff present: Brunner, Gerke, Henkel, Herman, McCammond, Murray, and Tucker.

Guests present: Matt Kirchman, ObjectIdea and Anna Kling and Travis Wood of Split Rock Studios (museum exhibit designers).

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

There were no additions to the agenda.

BREEN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan opened the floor to Split Rock Studios' representatives to discuss a proposed re-design of the Natural History Museum at the Jarrett Prairie Center.

The three tiers of exhibit cost were explained. An example of a \$250 per square foot re-design would be Red Oak Nature Center. An example of a \$350 per square foot re-design would be Sandy Creek Nature Center. An example of a \$450 per square foot re-design would be Denali National Park. The current museum at the Jarrett Prairie Center would be at a cost of about \$100 per square foot.

It needs to be decided if the museum will be a premium destination or a community resource. It was noted that group rentals along with an education center would be ideal.

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The design process would change and grow as a collaborative approach and would take approximately two years. It was suggested that a deadline date be set with a grand opening scheduled and market it as construction is being completed.

Potential grants were discussed. Split Rock Studios has consultants who can assist with grant proposals.

The board thanked the team from Split Rock Studios and they departed the meeting.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2014. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – ABSENT, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

The correspondence was noted. Director Tucker distributed a letter to the board from Jeff Schad commending the staff at PrairieView.

BREEN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2014. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – ABSENT, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan reminded the board of the upcoming meetings on October 6th at 6 pm and October 14th at 5:30 pm. He also asked them to check their schedules regarding attending state conference in January.

Commissioner Ludwig updated the board on the Bike Path Committee progress. He noted that the bid had been approved to construct the path along Mill Road.

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President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:33-7:53 pm; Mark Herman, Education Department-7:53-7:55 pm-Commissioner Brooks commended the summer camp staff and program, specifically Janet, for doing such a good job with the kids this summer. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:55-8 pm; Steve Murray, Golf Course Operations-8-8:07 pm; and Matt Henkel, Golf Course Maintenance Department-8:07-8:14 pm.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013. AUKER – ABSENT, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:14 PM TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY, UNDER 2(C)(5) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE DISTRICT, AND UNDER SECTION 2(C)(11) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF

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PENDING, OR PROBABLE AND IMMINENT, LITIGATION AGAINST,
AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. BREEN – YES, BROOKS –
YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:07 PM TO
COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER
– ABSENT, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:08 PM TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – ABSENT, BREEN – YES,
BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Breen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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