



COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT

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COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2011

The COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Collinsville Area Recreation District was called to order by President Mary Ann Bitzer at 7:07 P.M., August 2, 2011 at the Miner's Institute, 204 West Main Street, Collinsville, Illinois. Roll was called with the following commissioners answering present: Mary Ann Bitzer, Spike Bryant, Joan Burke, David Tanzyus and Andrew Carruthers. No commissioners were absent.

Notice of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting was given as part of the annual board meeting schedule, posted at the CARD office, and in the Belleville News Democrat and posted at the Miner's Institute. A copy of the meeting location change notice is attached to these minutes.

Agenda

Call to Order – Roll Call

Tour of Miner's Institute

Discussion of Miner's Rehabilitation Project

Adjournment

Staff present included executive director Mark Badasch and recreation superintendent Rick Robbins.

Public Input: Mr. Bob DesPain addressed the board regarding committee-of-the-whole meetings, lack of the meeting time being shown on the agenda, questioning the existence of rules regarding recording meetings, and asserted that this was an illegal meeting which should not be held.

Mr. Badasch briefly reviewed the Miner's Institute history. He reviewed how CARD came to own the building, the role of the Miner's Institute Foundation and the City of Collinsville, introducing MIF President Dr. Michael Romanich and City Uptown Coordinator Leah Joyce.

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He explained how, based on a 2004 Historic Structure Report, the needs of the building were prioritized and, following CARD taking ownership, a plan to address the building issues was developed with input from users, businesses, and the City. The resulting plan calls for an addition to the building to be built on the City-owned parking lot on the west side of the building. This addition is to house a new lobby, restrooms, elevator, concession stands, dressing, meeting and rehearsal rooms and connect to the existing building providing accessible entrances on each level.

Miner's is expected to provide a venue for live theater, concerts, recitals, business and social meetings, films, exhibits of art, sculpture, photography and be available for rentals for weddings, dinners, receptions and community events of all types.

Phase 1 of rehabilitation work has included repairing all exterior windows, guttering, downspouts, electrical, repair of brickwork and mortar joints, re-rigging the stage flies for safety, replacement of the stage lighting control panel and totaled roughly \$750,000.

Phase 2 will include demolishing the current dressing rooms, replacing the HVAC systems, replacing curtains, movie screen and the asbestos fire curtain, theater house lighting, installing a theatrical sound system and installing new stage lighting system, exposing and repairing a portion of the historical punched tin ventilation louvers on the sides of the theater, installing "transitional" restrooms and dressing rooms. This phase is estimated to cost \$3.5 million.

Phase 3 will consist of construction of the addition on the west side of the building for permanent restrooms, dressing rooms, elevator providing access to all floors, permanent HVAC location, new electrical services to old and new portions of the building. This phase is estimated to cost \$5 million.

The board recessed to tour the interior of the Miner's Institute at 7:20 pm.

The board reconvened from its tour at 8:00 pm.

Commissioner Joan Burke left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

There was discussion regarding the overall goal, the role of the City, if MIF had a fund raising target at the time and if it wouldn't have been better to "save the pretties" and build a new building which incorporated them.

No further business coming before the Commissioners, a motion was made by Bryant, seconded by Carruthers, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll being called, those voting aye were: Carruthers, Tanzyus, Bryant, Bitzer. None voted nay. Motion passed.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:25 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Badasch, Secretary

Date

