

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024
FRANKFORT, IL – FOUNDERS COMMUNITY CENTER
7:30 p.m.

- I. Call Committee to Order – President McCarey called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.
Attendance: Commissioners Ruvoli, McCarey, Barz, and Ponton; Executive Director, Gina Hassett; and Mary Strand, Recording Secretary.
Absent: Commissioner Gentry
Guest: None
- II. Public Comment
Each person is limited to three minutes. The Board may set a limit on the total amount of time allocated to public comments. Commissioner Ruvoli told the Board that he is interested in the Best of Best Gala. Discussion was held.
- III. Facility & Property Update
 - A. Indoor Facility Exploration – The form that Williams Associates provided to the commissioners should be rated and commented on. Return to Gina and she will return to Williams Associates.
 - B. Fort Frankfort – Renderings were included in packets. They are more impressive. The goal is to have a play panel on a flat side. The ramp cannot be to the top. More colors are needed. Sponsorships are not being requested. They were not part of the plan, but Gina will reach out to Senator Hastings to discuss.
 - C. Five Oaks Park – The annexation agreement contract is up in 2025.
 - D. Founders Center – Ed is working to get pricing to restore the gym. Tuck pointing is scheduled for fall to end before winter arrives. A parent pulled her son out of one of the programs that were held in the gym because she felt it was unsafe. AC was out.
 - E. Windy Hill Rededication – Staff ordered a second sign and some of the landscape beds are being updated. Gina suggested an evening before the October Board Meeting. The NPRA convention is on the second Tuesday so the Board and Committee meetings can be held on October 22nd. Or it could be in September if Ed can get the landscaping done. Or it can be delayed until next spring. The Windy Hill parking situation was discussed. The cost of grading and creating parking will have to be looked into to see if it is in the Capital Plan. The Village will also have to be contacted.
 - F. Old Stone Park Parcel - Gina attended the HOA meeting to discuss the park. Some of the discussion was to not have a park. No money is received per building permit by FPD. The park parcel and pond belong to FPD. Residents want a path built to Janssen Park but Will County will not allow. One suggestion was to sell the parcel. The HOA annexation agreement will terminate in 2025, then FPD would get \$3,500 per permit.
- IV. Recreation
 - A. Special Events
 - i. July 4th 2025 - staff is looking at financial and to figure out what the cost would be if FPD went back to a family activity day.
 - ii. Fall Fest – All commissioners are invited to participate in the parade. FPD is giving out candy and staff will be decorating.

V. Election Cycles

- A. Board Positions – 3 Board positions are up for elections and packets are available August 20th. The filing is earlier this year in November.
- B. Referendum – Once information is received from Williams, Gina will ask Paul for a proposal for the fall elections. The cost of the educational materials was discussed.

VI. Miscellaneous –

- There was a flyer handed out tonight from Senator Hastings that he asked be circulated.
- Gina met with the Girl's Softball. Gina informed them that it is expected that they take over their own field maintenance. She let them know that the \$5,000 donation no longer covers the cost of field upkeep. Discussion of aligning with Boy's Baseball was held. But Boy's Baseball is happy with where they are at so it is unlikely they would want a partnership.
- Boy's Baseball would like to do some repairs to the fencing and backstops at Main Park. They also like to install batting cages there too. Gina thinks it needs to be brought to the Village Planning Commission because it is a Special Use District. Discussion was held. It would need to be approved by them.
- Football – The organization is enclosing the overhang of their storage shed and FPD is going in front of the Planning Commission in September. Discussion was held.
- Pours for Parks – Gina asked if anyone had a contact that could/would supply liquor for the event. Binny's was contacted to supply liquor. Mike will ask his contact at Social 45 to see if they would at least like to sponsor a special cocktail.
- Cedarhurst Expansion – Commissioner Ruvoli asked if FPD could look into getting money based on the Land-Cash Ordinance. The new buildings appear to be townhomes for independent living so should qualify under the ordinance. Discussion was held. The consensus was to reach out to get an idea of where FPD stands.

VII. Executive Session – Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: The purchase or lease of real estate 5 ILCS 120/(2)(5)); Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); imminent or pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(2)(c)(1).

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – With nothing further to discuss, President McCarey adjourned the Committee Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Strand Board
Minutes Secretary