



**Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2019 4:30PM  
Prisco Community Center  
150 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora**

**1.0 Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Kelsey called the meeting to order at 4:31pm.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Chairman Kelsey directed the Board Secretary to take attendance by roll call. The following members of the Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors were present: Marcia Amos, Theodia Gillespie, Matt Hicks, Jr., Karen Nelson, Roger Schnorr, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Excused absent: Cintia Abney, Alex Alexandrou and Kevin Fitzpatrick. Absent: Joe Khouri. Also present: Executive Director Jim Pilmer, President Chuck Anderson, Rachel Ossyra, Jon Michael, Sandie Gilmer, Jeff Palmquist, Diana Erickson, Frank Johnson, Dan Leahy, Mark Heiss, Ivan Chambers, and Colette Rozanski. Commissioner Bates arrived at 4:32pm.

**3.0 Appointment of Directors**

**3.1 Appointment of Mark Buschbacher, Community Member At-Large to the Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors**

Chairman Kelsey recommended the approval of the appointment of Mark Buschbacher to the Foundation Board and asked for a roll call vote. Voting Aye: Marcia Amos, Theodia Gillespie, Matt Hicks, Jr., Karen Nelson, Roger Schnorr, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none and the appointment was approved.

**3.2 Appointment of Commissioner Mavis Bates to the Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors**

Chairman Kelsey recommended the approval of the appointment of Commissioner Mavis Bates to the Foundation Board and asked for a roll call vote. Voting Aye: Marcia Amos, Theodia Gillespie, Matt Hicks, Jr., Karen Nelson, Roger Schnorr, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none and the appointment was approved.

**4.0 Addenda to the Agenda**

None presented.

**5.0 Approve minutes from May 13, 2019**

Roger Schnorr made a motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Karen Nelson. Roll call voting Aye: Marcia Amos, Mavis Bates, Theodia Gillespie, Matt Hicks, Jr., Karen Nelson, and Roger Schnorr. Abstained: Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none, and the minutes were approved.

## **6.0 Executive Director's Report**

### **• Access in Action**

Director Pilmer reported on the following:

- Ivan Chambers was introduced. Ivan was recently promoted to Superintendent of Social Equity and Community Engagement. Ivan will play a key role in serving as a conduit to connect the funds raised by the Foundation and the delivery of programs to the community.
- Dr. Tom Berliner donated several pieces of exercise equipment to the Foundation that will in turn be donated to Mutual Ground.
- The District provided programs at three different locations within the Aurora Housing Authority. This was a very successful program that we will look to continue in the future.
- The District also provided a Rec-On-Wheels pop up program in three locations. These Programs are linking the District with the Foundation to provide access to recreation for all in our communities.
- The Foundation Board was featured in the playbill for the Summer Stage production of Annie. The production was made possible in part by a grant from the Foundation.

## **7.0 Continued Business**

None presented.

## **8.0 Director of Development's Report**

Rachel Ossyra reported on the following:

- Update of the Donor Portfolio. There were 10 new donors in 2019 to date.
- The Learn to Swim program for Wayside Cross had 100% growth in attendance.
- Summer Camp for Kids who reside at Mutual Ground, Hesed House, and Life Spring is in its third year. There is steady participation from Mutual Ground.
- Yoga for domestic violence victims at Mutual Ground began on July 9. The program is offered twice per week and attendance is growing.
- Pop-Up Parks & AHA Summer Camp partnership had a strong start.
- The Child Personal Safety/Stranger Danger Program for Summer Playground Camps took place. This program was funded by grants from the Foundation and Kiwanis.
- Rachel is developing a calendar of seasonal campaigns targeted to specific markets to build sustainability.
- Service to Local Youth Impact Story-create the groundwork to create a Foundation scholarship campaign. This may be a focus for 2019 Giving Tuesday.

## **9.0 New Business**

### **9.1 Golf for Kids**

Colette Rozanski is the Co-Chairperson for the 2019 Golf For Kids event, and will be the Chairperson for next year's outing to be held on June 29, 2020. Colette gave a summary of the 2019 event. There were 83 golfers in the morning, 133 in the afternoon. The event brought in \$78,000 in revenue and incurred \$32,750 in expenses, for a net income of \$45,250. Still outstanding is a \$3,000 sponsorship from Billy Casper Golf. Colette asked that the Directors keep in mind any ideas for new sponsors or participants for next year.

## **9.2 Approval of Grant Allocation Amount**

Director Pilmer asked the Directors to approve the amount of funds to be allocated for grants to be awarded in 2020. He also suggested that per New Business Item 9.4, the Board come together in October to receive information regarding the various programs that will be considered for grant funding in 2020 and meet on November 18 to approve the grant allocations.

Chairman Kelsey recommended allocating \$52,500. Theodia Gillespie made a motion to allocate \$52,500 for grants, seconded by Matt Hicks, Jr. Roll call voting Aye: Marcia Amos, Mavis Bates, Theodia Gillespie, Matt Hicks, Jr., Karen Nelson, Roger Schnorr and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none, and the grant allocation amount was approved.

## **9.3 Discussion of Scholarship Exploratory Committee**

Director Pilmer suggested that Chairman Kelsey consider creating a committee to explore the possibility of creating a Foundation scholarship to help support students within the District with college expenses. Chairman Kelsey agreed and will form the committee to begin looking at the criteria for the scholarship.

## **9.4 Foundation Board Meeting Calendar Amendment**

Director Pilmer recommended that the Board add a meeting date in October to receive information regarding the various programs that will be considered for grant funding in 2020. This will allow time for the Directors to review it before approving the grants in November. It was decided that the Directors would be polled for a date for the addition of an October meeting. The Board Secretary will send out an email to get the process underway.

## **10.0 Adjournment**

Chairman Kelsey called for adjournment. Voice voting Aye: Marcia Amos, Mavis Bates, Theodia Gillespie, Matt Hicks, Jr., Karen Nelson, Roger Schnorr and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Directors adjourned at 5:32pm.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Kim Nooncaster  
Board Secretary*