

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF
JANUARY 9, 2007**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Joel Vettel, Barb Johnson, Ron Sorvaag, Mary Johnson and Joe Deutsch. Also present were Roger Gress, James Larson, Attorney Greg Selbo, Clay Whittlesey, Kevin Boe, and Carolyn Boutain.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commissioner Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2006, meeting, subject to the amendment taken that Commissioner Sorvaag seconded the motion to return Park District facility closing policy for further revision. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of December 2006 Bills

Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commissioner Vettel seconded a motion to approve the bills for December, 2006. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Order of Agenda

Commissioner Deutsch moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the order of agenda as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed Resolution to Work With Fargo Housing Redevelopment Authority
To Facilitate Senior Housing at New Horizons Park**

Roger Gress and Ron Sorvaag presented regarding the above-referenced agenda item. It was noted that there are several neighbors that are upset regarding this project. They noted that the neighbors were planning on presenting a petition to the Planning Commission regarding this matter. The board was looking for a resolution to be approved to direct them to work with the Fargo Housing Authority regarding the relocation of the park. After discussion, a motion was made to table this agenda item by Commissioner Joel Vettel and seconded by Commissioner Mary Johnson until after the February meeting of the Planning Commission. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Consider Approval of Urban Plains Agreement

Jim Larson presented to the board regarding the land exchange, purchase agreement and owner's agreement regarding the above-referenced agenda item. It was noted by Mr. Larson that these agreements had been reviewed by the Facilities Committee. Further, it was discussed that the purchase agreement price was \$1,000,000.00.

Commissioner Vettel moved and Commissioner Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the agreements as presented contingent upon the Fargo Park District's attorney's approval. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Request for Bids for Refunding Improvement Bonds for Assessment 2006-2

Jim Larson presented to the board regarding a request to the board to authorize staff to request bids for improvement bonds for \$1,065,000.00 for assessment 2006-2. If the resolution was passed, staff would be directed to pursue bids for the bonds and have Public Financial Management Group prepare all documents along with the bond council.

Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commissioner Vettel seconded a motion to direct staff to pursue financing for assessment project 2006-2 and to bring back financing options to the board for approval. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Xeriscape Landscaping at the Rabanus Park

Roger Gress, Jeff Haberman and Scott Liudahl presented to the board regarding the Xeriscape landscaping project at Rabanus Park. It was noted by the Forestry Department that there are number of benefits regarding Xeriscape landscaping using plants adapted to local climate which consequently cuts down the amount of watering and fertilizing needed to maintain the same. They also noted that Rabanus Park was a good location for this project for several reasons including that the current water treatment plant is considered a temporary location.

Commissioner Deutsch moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the Xeriscape installation, in cooperation with the City of Fargo Forestry Department, to be located at Rabanus Park. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Consider Renumbering of Holes at Edgewood Golf Course

Roger Gress and Jim Larson presented to the board regarding renumbering of holes at Edgewood Golf Course. Also included in the meeting packet included the existing and the new renumbering plan. This plan had been brought before the golf committee and has been approved at that level.

Commissioner Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Vettel seconded a motion to approve the hole renumbering plan as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Consider Approval of Modified Tee Times for Prairiewood Golf Course

Jim Larson presented to the board regarding the proposal of modified tee times for Prairiewood Golf Course. It is noted that going to this type of tee time system may improve the playability of Prairiewood Golf Course during heavy use times due to the fact that Prairiewood only accepts walk-ons under the current system and may discourage others from wanting to play the course. The modified tee times would allow for walk-ons at every third tee time and the general public would be able to call and have tee times between walk-ons. It was noted that all three of the golf pros have reviewed this and approve the concept.

Commissioner Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the proposal for modified tee times at Prairiewood Golf Course as delineated above. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Award of Bid for Compact Track Loader

Jim Larson presented to the board regarding the award of bid for a compact track loader. It was noted that bids were received by the Fargo Park District regarding the same. It was noted that Swanston Equipment came in with the low bid with the specifications that the Park District was requiring in the amount of \$47,742.00.

Commissioner Vettel moved and Commissioner Sorvaag seconded a motion to accept Swanston Equipment's bid for the compact track loader including snow blower attachment for a total bid package amount of \$47,742.00. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Award Flower Bids for 2007

Bids were received from Shotwell and Levi Runions. Park District staff recommended that the Park Board award the flower bid to Levi Runions for a total of \$33,962.01.

Commissioner Deutsch moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to accept the 2007 flower bid from Levi Runions, Inc. for a total bid package amount of \$33,962.01. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Nomination of Individuals to Fargo Dome Authority Board

Board discussion ensued regarding the above-referenced agenda item and it was noted that Dennis Fuhrman and Darren Pladson would be submitted to the mayor as the nominations from the Park District to be placed on the Fargo Dome Authority Board.

Commissioner Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion that Fuhrman and Pladson be forwarded to the Fargo Dome Authority Board for consideration for membership. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Christopher M. Kennelly, Clerk