



PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Monday, November 3, 2014

The Lake County Forest Preserve District's Planning and Restoration Committee met on Monday, November 3, 2014. The meeting was convened at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

Committee Members Present:

Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair
 Nick Sauer, Vice-Chair
 Carol Calabresa
 Steve Carlson
 Bill Durkin
 Sandra Hart
 Craig Taylor

Also Present:

Ann Maine	Debra Ramai
Mike Rummel	Matt Norton, Holland & Knight
Linda Pedersen	Karl Camillucci, Holland & Knight
Steve Mandel	Pete Manhard, Manhard Consulting
Alex Ty Kovach	Sonny Cohen
Randall Seebach	Ernie Brown
Mike Tully	Joe Klocke
Mary Kann	Donnie Dann
Katherine Hamilton-Smith	Sandy Crow
Rebekah Snyder	Bill Lolli
Jim Anderson	Barb Thompson, <i>Lake County Audubon</i>

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2014

Motion by member Sauer, second by member Hart to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the Minutes were circulated for signatures.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment was reserved for Agenda Item 8.2

5.0 ADDED TO THE AGENDA - None

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Executive Director Kovach presented an update of District projects, news and upcoming events.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE - None

8.0 OLD BUSINESS

8.1 For Information Only – USACE Upper Des Plaines River Phase II Ecosystem Projects

Executive Director Kovach followed up on the direction given to staff -at the May 2014 joint committee meeting- to engage a USACE-approved real estate appraiser to determine the fee proposal to perform a preliminary appraisal of LERRD values of District properties as part of the Upper Des Plaines River Phase II Ecosystem Project.

Within the current 5-year CIP, the approved budget includes \$3 million in FY 2015-16 for the District's local share, and the current Certified Cost Estimate from the USACE for three District properties included in the project show the District's local share at an estimated \$0. Mr. Kovach explained that, if the District desires to continue to participate with the USACE's phase II plan, independent appraisals need to be completed prior to signing a Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) to ascertain a more accurate estimate of the District's local share cost commitment.

The next step will be to meet with USACE to discuss the appraisal process and possible reimbursement of costs since there needs to be assurance of value before entering into a PPA.



8.2 Presentation of Fort Sheridan Master Plan Concept Alternatives

Director Seebach presented three preliminary master plan concepts for Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve. Concept A includes a new entry drive at George Bell Road, new parking lot near the Hawk’s Nest feature (with possible additional parking at the Lake Forest and the Highwood Metra stations), evaporator toilet at new parking lot, a new Forest Preserve gate on Bell Drive, with the existing private gate moved to the head of Gilgare Lane, a crushed stone north loop trail (with overlooks), 5 trail bridges and a completed asphalt loop trail around the Parade Grounds (with a new seating and interpretive exhibit area). The plan also provides for kayak take-out (landing area) at the beach. Natural resource restoration includes woodland/savanna restoration of portions of the upland areas and additional ravine, bluff and shoreline restoration in accordance with the USACE Great Lakes Fish and Ecosystem program.

Concept B includes a new accessible parking lot at George Bell Road and a parking lot expansion of the existing Cemetery lot (with possible additional parking at the Lake Forest and the Highwood Metra stations), evaporator toilet at new George Bell parking lot, a new Forest Preserve gate on Bell Drive, with the existing private gate moved to head of Gilgare Lane, a mowed turf north loop trail (with overlooks), 5 trail bridges and a completed asphalt loop trail around the Parade Grounds (with a new seating and interpretive exhibit area). The plan also provides for kayak take-out (landing area) at the beach. Natural resource restoration includes woodland/savanna restoration of portions of the upland areas and ravine, bluff and shoreline restoration in accordance with the USACE Great Lakes Fish and Ecosystem program.

Concept C includes a new accessible parking lot at Bell Drive, a parking lot expansion of the existing Cemetery lot (with possible additional parking at the Lake Forest and Highwood Metra stations), a new 12-car parking lot off of Gilgare Lane for car-top boat and accessible use only, 2 evaporator toilets (one at Gilgare Lane and one at George Bell Road), new Forest Preserve gates on George Bell Road and Gilgare Lane, a mowed turf north loop trail (with overlooks), 5 trail bridges and a completed asphalt loop trail around the Parade Grounds (with a new seating and interpretive exhibit area). The plan also provides for kayak take-out (landing) and put-in (launch) area at the beach. Natural resource restoration includes woodland/savanna restoration of portions of the upland areas and additional ravine, bluff and shoreline restoration in accordance with the USACE Great Lakes Fish and Ecosystem program.

Discussion ensued and there was public comment from Sonny Cohen, Ernie Brown/Joe Klocke, Donnie Dann, Bill Lolli and Sandy Crow. Chair Carter assured that the Committee will review all the ideas and comments presented. Additional discussion is and review is needed before a public open house can be scheduled. There was no recommendation to proceed with any of the concept plans at this time

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a Lot Line Agreement between Environmental Engineering Solutions, LLC (EES) and the District to allow EES to construct a portion of its proposed subdivision driveway within a portion of the Buckley Road right-of-way that is directly adjacent to Wilmot Woods Forest Preserve

After review and discussion, motion by member Taylor, second by member Carlson to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.2 Policy Direction regarding a request from the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) to consider the dedication of right-of-way and the placement of a stormwater detention area at Nippersink Forest Preserve, and to authorize negotiation of an Intergovernmental Agreement between LCDOT and the District

After review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee for District staff to cooperate with LCDOT and negotiate an intergovernmental agreement to benefit both agencies.



9.3 Policy Direction regarding a request from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to consider permanent and temporary easements on IL Route 22 and Old McHenry road at Heron Creek and Egret Marsh Forest Preserves to authorize the signing of a Letter of Intent between IDOT and the District, and to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement

After review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to authorize a Letter of Intent and for District staff to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement to benefit both agencies.

9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Preliminary Engineering Services for the Dog Exercise Area at Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve to Rezek, Henry, Meisenheimer and Gende, Inc., Mundelein, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$70,753.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Durkin, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Phase I Invasive Plant Control Project at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve to Homer Tree Services, Inc., Lockport, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$258,475.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Taylor, second by member Durkin to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the 2015 Invasive Plant Control Project at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$32,257.50

After review and discussion, motion by member Hart, second by member Calabresa to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

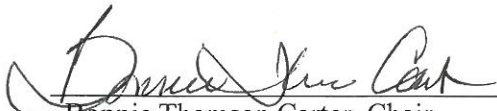




12.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be determined following the Board Reorganization Meeting on December 1, 2014.

13.0 ADJOURN

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Carter adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

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