



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 North Morton

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2010
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted February 24, 2010-March 22, 2010
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

- B-1. Public Comment Period - Kirkwood Streetscape Tree Removal Appeal, B-Line Ph. 2 Tree Removal (Lee Huss)
- B-2. Bravo Award - Bloomington Indiana Grotto/Adopt a Trail (Kriste Lindberg)
- B-3. Staff Introductions -
- B-4. Staff Recognition -

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review/Approval of Improvements to BACC Building by Project School (Mick Renneisen)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Plant a Row for the Hungry (Bradley Drake)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Rhino's All Ages Center (Tim Pritchett)
- C-4. Review/Approval of Appointment to Farmers' Market Advisory Council (Marcia Veldman)
- C-5. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Monroe County Civic Theater (Kristy LeVert)
- C-6. Authorization to Negotiate Consultant Inspection Contracts – B-Line Phase 2 (Dave Williams)
- C-7. Review/Approval of Bids for Beverage Contract for 2010-2012 (John Turnbull)

D. REPORTS

- D-1. Operations Division - No Report
- D-2. Sports Division - No Report
- D-3. Recreation Division - Banneker at the View (Leslie Brinson)
Community Events Update (Becky Barrick-Higgins)
- D-4. Administration Division - No Report

ADJOURNMENT



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04/27/2010

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Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:00 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Joe Hoffmann Jane St. John

Board Absent: Les Coyne

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Becky Barrick, Leslie Brinson, Tim Pritchett, Lysie Burton, Bill Ream, John Turnbull, Dave Williams, Lee Huss, Bradley Drake, Kim Ecenbarger, Kriste Lindberg, Marcia Veldman, Kristy LeVert, Steve Cotter, Paula McDevitt

Interns: Monica Sergi, Matt Walker

Parks Foundation: Debbie Lemon

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Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period

Ms. Lemon addressed the Board, stating that she is representing the Parks and Recreation Foundation. The Foundation raises funds for various programs that support the Parks and Recreation Department. She updated the Board on a fundraising event for the Parks Foundation Scholarship Fund. She stated that Foundation member, Travis Vencel, is participating in the local Dancing with the Celebrities event with all funds raised to be donated to the youth scholarship fund. This is an event that helps raise funds for various local charities. The Foundation's goal is to raise \$15,000 from this event. The Foundation has identified an angel donor that has already contributed toward that \$15,000. In addition, there are additional commitments from other donors and sponsors. The dance competition event will be held on May 22 at the Buskirk Chumley Theater. Additional fundraisers will be held at Grazie's and at Nick's. Public support for Mr. Vencel's efforts is greatly appreciated.

B-1. Kirkwood Streetscape Tree Removal Appeal B-Line Phase 2

Mr. Huss addressed the Board and stated that the Public Works Department has submitted work plans for improvements on Kirkwood extending from College Avenue to Rogers Street. During this process the Public Works staff have identified a tree that needs to be removed. The tree is a honey locust that is located in front of the Irish Lion. He introduced Rick Alexander and Matt Smethurst from City Engineering who can answer any project

specific questions. Mr. Huss read a letter of appeal for this tree removal from Brooke Pellerite. This letter was received within the appropriate timeframe outlined in the appeal process. She stated that she would rather see the sidewalk plan revised to accommodate the tree than to see the tree removed. She stated that this change would mean the Irish Lion would remain non-compliant with ADA requirements, but since it is currently not ADA compliant she didn't think it would be an issue.

Mr. Smethurst stated that Public Works will begin this project on May 10. It is scheduled to be completed early in September. He stated that, once completed, this section of Kirkwood will closely resemble East Kirkwood with brick paver sidewalks, benches, and new lighting. The project will improve pedestrian access in the area, including making the sidewalks ADA compliant. The proposed tree removal is necessary to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. The project initially called for the removal of four trees, but was modified to retain three of the four trees; however, the project can not be modified to retain this tree that is identified for removal. He added that nine new trees will be planted as part of this project. In addition, the Public Works Department has proposed to plant a new tree approximately five feet south of the existing tree and another tree in front of the former Smith Holden building. The Tree Commission has expressed unanimous support for removal of this tree.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that it sounds as though the tree removal is based on compliance with ADA regulations. He added that the fact that the Irish Lion isn't currently ADA compliant doesn't mean that it won't be at some point in the future and he feels that the City must remove the tree in order to be ADA compliant.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to deny the tree removal appeal and uphold the City's decision to remove the tree. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B-2. Bravo Award – Bloomington Indiana Grotto/Adopt a Trail

Ms. Lindberg addressed the Board and stated that the March Bravo Award is being presented to the Bloomington Indiana Grotto (BIG) of the National Speleological Society for their contributions to the Adopt-a-Trail (AAT) program. BIG was the first group to adopt a trail and they were the ideal candidate for the Leonard Springs nature Park and have been with the program for eight years. This group has been contributing volunteer hours to the Parks Department for 12 years and members will continue to serve in individual roles over the coming years. Since the inception of the AAT, collectively, BIG has contributed over 500 hours, including 12 workdays. She introduced Dave Everton, Chair of the BIG.

Mr. Everton addressed the Board and stated that the City's Parks and Recreation Department is amazing and his group is pleased to be able to help.

B-3. Staff Introductions (none in March)

B-4. Staff Recognition – (none in March)

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Improvements to BACC Building by Project School

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board and stated that in April 2009 the Project School proposed a 2-story addition to the existing building located at 349 S. Walnut. However, at that time funding was not available to complete this project in 2009. Since that time the Project School was able to secure necessary funding to expand the building and has proposed a 3-story 9,000 square foot addition to the existing facility. Parks and Recreation staffs have reviewed the proposed plans and find them to be acceptable. The plan calls for a 9,000 foot expansion with some additional exterior renovation of the building. The project also includes some "green building" aspects. The estimated costs, which will be the responsibility of the Project School, are estimated at \$1.2 million. The Plan Commission reviewed and approved the proposed improvements during their March 8, 2010 meeting. Pending Parks approval, the project will begin in April. Staff's recommendation is to approve the proposed improvements to the facility at 349 S. Walnut

(Project School). Mr. Renneisen introduced Daniel Baron, Project School Principal and Jerry Firestone, Architect for Project School renovation project.

Mr. Baron addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to use the facility for their school. He stated this first year has been very successful with over 350 applications for the 180 available slots. This year they have received over 150 applications for the available 34 slots. They currently do not have storage space, a science lab, music room, lockers, etc. Additional renovations to the space will allow for these amenities. The building specs are designed to meet “LEED Silver” criteria.

Mr. Firestone addressed the Board and stated that the facility improvements do meet the required ordinance regarding “green” design, including the awnings and a white roof on the new addition and putting a new roof on the existing building. Additional windows on the north side, upgraded HVAC system, and upgraded lighting will also facilitate this “green building” requirement. Construction should begin in April.

Mr. Carter stated that he has had the opportunity to tour the school and appreciates the use of the facility and the outreach to other agencies and services available in the community. He feels this agreement is a “win-win” for all involved.

Mr. Renneisen stated that the Project School staff agreed to put similar exterior materials on the west side of the building, matching the to be improved south side of the building, to give it a more uniform look.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the proposed improvements to 349 S. Walnut Street by the Project School. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Plant-A-Row for the Hungry

Mr. Drake addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Plant a Row for the Hungry. This partnership is a collaborative effort between BPRD, Bloomingfoods Market and Deli, Hilltop Garden and Nature Center, Worm’s Way, Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard, and the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. The program allows for participants to plant an extra row of produce in their gardens, harvest extra produce or purchase additional items at the Market to donate at any of the participating sponsors who in turn donate the fresh produce to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Since its inception in 2002, over 100,000 pounds of fresh produce has been donated through this partnership. A record 32,344 pounds was donated in 2009. Over 25,000 pounds of that was extra produce that was donated by Market vendors. Mr. Drake added that space is still available for rent in the community gardens at Crestmont and Willie Street Community Gardens.

Ms. Solomon, Garden and Nutrition Education Coordinator with Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard, addressed the Board and stated that they serve an average of 1,900 clients each week. In addition to food assistance, they offer nutrition and garden education and over 30 education classes. Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard was created not only to provide access to food, but to provide access to high quality food. Their staff believes that whole foods provide the highest quality foods available. Gardening is also an essential component to their education process. The community garden plots at Crestmont Park have provided space for their gardens for quite some time, and the youth garden program at the Banneker Community Center teaches children how to grow healthy food and turn it in to healthy snacks and meals. More information about Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard can be found on their web site: www.mhcfoodpantry.org. You can also contact her at Stephanie@mchfoodpantry.org or call their office at 355-6843.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Plant-A-Row for the Hungry. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Rhino’s All Ages Center

Mr. Pritchett addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Rhino’s All Ages Center. He stated that this partnership has been in existence for that past 14 years, offering ATOD alternative, adult supervised,

recreation and entertainment option for Bloomington youth ages 13-21. Programs currently available for participants include: Youth Radio, Youth Video, Mural Arts Project, Youth Screenprinting, and Youth Publication. Collaborators with this partnership include: WFHB Radio and CATS TV, United Way, CARES, BAAC, and Indiana State and Monroe County Tobacco Prevention Coalitions. He stated there are two changes to this year's agreement that refer to the BACC.

Mr. Wilhelm, Executive Director of Rhino's addressed the Board and thanked them for all of their support. He stated that Rhino's would not be able to exist without this valuable partnership. They currently serve over 1200 youth each month in their free afterschool and weekend programs. He added that Rhino's is a 501(c)3 agency aligned with Harmony School and can accept tax deductible monetary donations and volunteer assistance from anyone that would like to help.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Rhino's Youth Center/Harmony Education Center. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-4. Review/Approval of Appointment to Farmers' Market Advisory Council

Ms. Veldman addressed the Board seeking approval of the appointments to the Farmers' Market Advisory Council. She stated that in February three new members were appointed to the FMAC, including the appointment of Jessica Williams. Since that time, Ms. Williams was hired by the department, leaving her space vacant once again. The vacancy was promoted in the Herald-Times and three applications were received. Staff recommends the appointment of Julia DeBruicker. Ms. DeBruicker is currently working on a PhD with research in the market for pastured and natural meat and poultry in southern Indiana.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the appointment to the Farmers' Market Advisory Council. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-5. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Monroe County Civic Theater

Ms. LeVert addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Monroe County Civic Theater. She stated that this is MCCT's 25th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of the Shakespeare in the Park performances. For the 2010 season MCCT plans to produce *Henry VII* in June. MCCT is responsible for the production of the plays, while Bloomington Parks and Recreation provides assistance in the form of lighting equipment and technicians, promotions, and the Third Street Park stage. One significant change has been made to the partnership for 2010. Civic will perform on play on June 10, 11, 12 at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. In prior years, there have been performances in June and September, but due to the interest of another performance group, MCCT has agreed to one weekend of performances this year.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Monroe County Civic Theater. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-6. Authorization to Negotiate Consultant Inspections Contracts – B-Line Phase 2

Mr. Williams addressed the Board seeking authorization to negotiate inspection contracts for the B-Line Trail Phase 2. He stated that this project successfully bid in mid-February and an INDOT requirement is to have full-time inspection. Due to time constraints, staff is requesting the Board's permission to negotiate construction contracts with the same four firms that provided these services on B-Line Phase 1. This includes Butler, Fairman & Seufert (Lead inspector, project designer); Cornerstone Planning & Design (Landscape plantings, paver treatments, site amenities); Bruce Carter Associates (Environmental remediation); and Interpretive Ideas (Interpretive signage). He added that this project will complete the remaining 2.4 miles of the B-Line Trail and the bid came in substantially under estimate. All funding for these contracts have been approved by the Redevelopment Commission using Downtown TIF funds.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve staff negotiations of the consultant inspections contracts for completion of

B-Line Trail Phase 2. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-7. Review/Approval of Bids for Beverage Contract for 2010-2012

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board seeking approval of the 2010-2012 beverage agreement. This contract will be a 3-year agreement as opposed to the previous 2-year agreement. The beverage agreement includes vending and non-vending (counter service) products. He stated that Pepsi's cost to the Department was less than Coca Cola's in both the vending and non-vending product. In addition, Coca Cola's proposed cash up front payment sponsorship was \$2,500 each year and Pepsi's was \$8,000 per year. Staff proposes entering into a contract for beverage services with Pepsi for a 3-year contract.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the beverage contract with Pepsi for 2010-2012. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division - No Report

D-2. Sports Division – No Report

D-3. Recreation Division – Banneker at the View/Community Events Update

Banneker at the View:

Ms. Brinson addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the Banneker at the View program. She stated that there are currently three options for this afterschool program: 1) Banneker at the View for elementary school age children at Fairview Elementary School; 2) Middle/High School drop-in Program at Banneker; and 3) Banneker drop-in programs daily. There are currently 24 part-time staffs working in these programs. Homework help and games/free time is available for the Middle/High School program and is provided a staff of 2 people. This program averages 4-8 students per day and has had over 300 participations from August – December 2009. Most of these students stay at the center from 3-9 p.m. Banneker at the View began in the 2008-2009 season and serves children Kindergarten – 6th grade. The K-2nd grade has a staff assistant and 4 part-time staff members. The 3rd-6th grade has a staff assistant and 3 part-time staff members. Bus transportation home is provided and participants are home by 5:30. There are currently 120 students registered in this program with over 2,926 participations between August and December 2009. This is an increase of over 400 participations from the 2008-09 season. There are currently 78 3-6 grade students registered with the After School EdVentures program and have attended at least one day of program. The K-2nd grades has 20 students per day and 80% of those students come every day. This program includes small group instruction as well as large group activities and includes homework, snack, arts and crafts, gym games/park, field trips on Thursday, computer lab/library and IU Science and French clubs. The 3-6th grade averages 20-25 students per day and 18 of those students have attended of 30 days. A Fairview teacher provides tutoring and homework help, rotating community partners such as YMCA, Waldron Arts Center, BPRD, and Bloomington Playwrights. Students select clubs such as the newspaper club, You Tube club, garden club, arts and crafts club, and a dance club. The Banneker Drop In Program is available for children ages 10 and over and runs from 6-9 pm weekdays. From August – December 2009, there were 885 participations in this program. The program is run by a building supervisor and three staff members. Activities include basketball, football, gym games, Wii, card games, board games, dinner, and transportation home.

Community Events:

Ms. Barrick addressed the Board and provided them with an update on Community Events. Events for 2010 include:

- **Seusspicious Behavior** – this free event was March 6 at the Monroe County Public Library and was attended by more than 400 people.

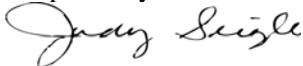
- **Egg Scramble** – this adult egg hunt event is scheduled for March 26 in Bryan Park and is open to 350 participants. Golden egg sponsors: Scholars Inn Bakehouse and Nailtique. Over \$7,000 in prizes can be found in 3,000 purple eggs.
- **Community Gardens** – the gardens open on April 1. Willie Streeter and Crestmont Community Gardens are over 80% rented. There are a total of 219 garden plots available this year. Informational kiosks have been added for the 2010 season. An additional 23 plots at Rev Butler Park will be coming in 2011.
- **Hoosier Hustle – An Urban Adventure Challenge** – in its fourth year will take place on April 17. This program is Bloomington’s version of Survivor and The Amazing Race. Registration is limited to 33 teams with eight teams registered to date.
- **Performing Arts Series** – Peoples Park Series (Tuesdays 11:30 am – 1 pm) Third Street Park (Fridays 7 – 8:30 pm) Monroe County Civic Theatre (June 10, 11, 12, 13) Movies in the Park (Fridays) Bryan Park Concerts (Sundays 6:30 – 8 pm) Theatre of the People (September 9, 10, 11, 12)
- **Strawberry Shortcake Festival** – May 13 11:30 am – 1 pm on the Courthouse Lawn
- **Independence Day Concert** – July 3 11:30 am – 1 pm on the Courthouse Lawn
- **Movies in the Park** – Bryan Park on Friday nights at 9:00. August 13 – Arsenic and Old Lace; August 20 – Raiders of the Lost Ark; August 27 – Sabrina; September 3 – Hotel for Dogs; September 10 – Labyrinth.
- **Bloomington Community Farmers’ market** – begins April 1 and runs through November.
- **Home Grown Indiana Farm Tours** – Spring Tour: Sunday, May 23. Summer Tour: Sunday, July 18. Fall Tour: Sunday, October 3.
- **A Fair of the Arts** – will be held on the second Saturdays of the Market season from May through October in the Showers Civic Plaza.
- **Touch a Truck** – will be held on June 9 from 10 am – 2 pm at the Twin Lakes Parking Lot with a cost of \$1/person.
- **Independence Day Parade** – will be on July 3. The Community Band will play at 9 am, the parade starts at 10 am, and the Awards Ceremony will be at 11:30 am. Applications will be accepted until June 14 and there is a \$15 application fee.
- **Junk in the Trunk** – BPRD’s version of a community rummage sale will be held on August 21 at the Bryan Park Woodlawn parking lot from 8 am – noon. This event is free and open to the public. Vendors can reserve spaces for \$15 and must register by August 18.
- **Drool in the Pool** – will be held on September 1 and 2 from 5 – 8 pm. This event is held at Bryan Pool after it closes to humans for the fall. In 2009 over 420 dogs and 800 humans participated in this event that is partnered with White River Co-Op.
- **Festival of Ghost Stories** – will be held on October 22 and the **Trick or Treat Trail** will be on October 23. The fall event is being re-evaluated for future years.
- **Holiday Market** – November 27 from 10 am – 3 pm both inside and outside of the Showers Building. This event will feature some favorite locally-grown farm products, arts and crafts, TubaSantas and much more! The event is free and open to the public.

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners