

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

320 Regency Centre, Collinsville, Illinois

Minutes of February 13, 2006 Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order- President Pamela Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance - Roll call was taken.

Present were: Pam Hogan, St. Clair County
Earl McDowell, St. Clair County

Via Telephone Gene Peters, Madison County
Harold Byers, Madison County
Jerry Kane, Madison County

Mike Buehlhorn, Executive Director
Bryan Werner, Planner
Ed Szewczyk, Attorney
Bill Baudendistal, Juneau Associates
Jamie Henderson, Henderson Architects

Absent were: Paul Evans, St. Clair County

I. Approval of Minutes

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2006 regular meeting as provided to the board.

Voice Vote

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2006 Parks and Trails Committee Meeting.

Voice Vote

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

II. Consent Agenda

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

III. Finance

a) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the payments and claims from January 2006 for MEPRD as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

b) Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to authorize payments for MMMP for January 2006 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

c) Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to authorize the Executive Director to transfer \$300,000 from the Illinois Fund account to the Bank of Edwardsville checking account for operation expenses for the MEPRD and reimbursement to the City of Belleville for the East Belleville Bikeway Project.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

IV. Executive Director's Report

V. Old Business

No old business to discuss

VI. New Business

a) Resolution 06-02 Re: IDNR Bikeway Application

Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve Resolution 06-02 as presented.

Voice Vote

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

b) Reimbursement Request for the East Belleville Bikeway Project.

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the Planner Bryan Werner's recommendation to reimburse the City of Belleville \$100,000 for the East Belleville Bikeway Project, as part of the MEPRD Special Grant Cycle.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

c) Proposed Participation

1) McKinley Bridge Terminus

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to accept the Executive Directors recommendation to partnership with MCT and pay 50% of the project cost, (MEPRD's share not to exceed \$200,000) for a trail extending from 20th street in Granite City to the McKinley Bridge; a connection required by IDOT.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Abstain (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 2 Ayes via telephone 1 Abstained via telephone Motion Carried

2) SCCTD/Belleville/Swansea/SWIC Connection

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to partnership with the St. Clair County Transit District and pay 50% of the project cost not to exceed \$100,000 (MEPRD's cost); to complete a trail connecting the Belleville Richland Creek/Swansea Richland Creek Trails, the Metro Bike Link Trail and Southwestern Illinois College.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

3) Cargill Road/Levee Trail Extension

Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to accept the Executive Director Buehlhorn's recommendation to expand the levee trail the greatest distance north towards Malcolm Martin Memorial Park, given a maximum project cost of \$400,000 and assuming we receive a \$200,000 grant from IDNR.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

4) Worden/Hamel/Edwardsville Connection

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the Executive Director Buehlhorn’s recommendation on the completion of the trail between Worden and Hamel for a total MEPRD cost of \$200,000 maximum.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Abstain (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 2 Ayes via telephone 1 Abstained via telephone Motion Carried

5) Schoolhouse Trail to I 55-70 Connection

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve the Executive Director’s recommendation to pay MCT 50% of the local match up to \$100,000 , if MCT is successful in obtaining an IDNR Bikeway Grant.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Abstain (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 2 Ayes via telephone 1 Abstained via telephone Motion Carried

6) Matching funds for 2006 IDNR Bikeway Grants

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the Executive Director’s recommendation to commit \$600,000 towards matching funds for successful grant applicants of the 2006 IDNR Bike Path Grant Program.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

d) Quotation for Services from Ganim, Meder, Childers, Hoering.

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the Executive Director's recommendation for quotation of services from Ganim, Meder, Childers, Hoering for \$800 per month for one year.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye (via telephone)	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye (via telephone)	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye (via telephone)	Paul Evans	Absent

2 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 3 Ayes via telephone Motion Carried

e) Report of District Engineer of Projects

Bill is requesting permission to advertise the new office building in the Belleville News Democrat by Thursday February 15, 2006. Bill recommends we accept bids on March 7 and be able to approve the awards at the March 13 meeting. Per the IDNR grant application process we are required to hold a public meeting to discuss the bike trail grant applications we are currently proposing; one being a grant application for a trail from Cargill rd. north to Malcolm Martin Memorial Park. Bill would like the Board to consider the possibilities of a trail head grant application at the new office building. He has talked to IDNR and they seem to think it would meet all the criteria for the IDNR grant even though the Executive Director did not have this in his list of projects. Bill believes we should entertain this idea. Bill asked the board members if there were any questions regarding the building plans that Jamie Henderson could answer before it went to advertisement. No questions nor comments were heard from the board.

VII. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion

VIII. Adjournment:

At 8:00 p.m. Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to adjourn the meeting. All voted and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Rene' St. Peters
Administrative Assistant**