

**METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

320 Regency Centre, Collinsville, Illinois

**Minutes of June 12, 2006 Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

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

**II Attendance -** Roll call was taken.

Present were: Pam Hogan, St. Clair County  
Earl McDowell, St. Clair County  
Gene Peters, Madison County via telephone  
Harold Byers, Madison County  
Jerry Kane, Madison County  
Paul Evans, St. Clair County

Mike Buehlhorn, Executive Director  
Bryan Werner, Planner  
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant  
Ed Szewczyk, Attorney  
Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates

Guests were: No guests

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2006 regular meeting.**

Voice Vote

All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

Director Peters exited the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

**Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

Voice Vote

All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

**V. Finance**

**a) Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve payments and claims for May 2006 MEPRD.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Nay
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye



**Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to adopt the 2007 Meeting Schedule as presented.**

Voice Vote

All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

**b) Resolution 06-04 Re: Professional Security, Inc**

**Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve Resolution 06-04 being the contract with Professional Services, Inc. with the amendments suggested.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Abstained
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

4 Ayes No Nays 1 Abstained 1 Absent Motion Carried

**c) Resolution 06-05 Re: Gateway Center Donation Agreement**

**Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve Resolution 06-05 being the agreement to accept the donated funds along with the disbursement agreement from the Gateway Center of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. for construction of an observation platform.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Nay
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

4 Ayes 1 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**d) Resolution 06-06 Re: Bid Riverview Overlook**

**Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve Resolution 06-06 regarding advertisement of the invitation for bids for construction of the Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park viewing platform.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**e) Resolution 06-07 Re: Participation in OSLAD Program**

**Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve Resolution 06-07 supporting the application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**f) Pay Request – New facility \$34,842.76 to Calhoun Construction**

**Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve the pay request as presented.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**g) Request for Reimbursement – City of Edwardsville \$100,000**

**Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the Planners recommendation to reimburse the City of Edwardsville a total of \$100,000 for completion of their project titled: Franklin Avenue Bicycle Tunnel as part of the 2004 Regional Project Grant Program.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Abstained	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

4 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 1 Abstained Motion Carried

**h) One Mississippi River/Shirt request.**

On June 24, 2006 One Mississippi River will hold its first event in not only St. Louis, but seven additional Mississippi River event sites simultaneously. Executive Director Buehlhorn has been contacted to light the geyser for the 8:00 p.m. ceremony and is requesting that MEPRD sponsor the 200 staff with shirts not to exceed \$1,000.

**Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the Executive Directors recommendation to sponsor the event with shirts.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
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Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**i) Camera Quotations MMMP –**

**Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to have this topic tabled until next months meeting.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**j) Report of District Engineer on Projects**

**Bill Baudendistal from Juneau Associates updated the Board on the new office building.**

**Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Scott Troy Trail has been announced as part of the ITEP program.**

**Still working on the agreement with the Tri City Port District regarding the alignment of the Confluence Trail through the Port.**

**This Thursday June 15th and a bid invitation advertisement will be posted in the newspaper and a pre-bid conference will be held on June 27, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Casino Queen.**

**IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment**

No public discussion or comment

**X. Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of Property under 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) and Personnel Issues pursuant to 5 ILCS 20/2 (c) (1).**

**At 8:20 p.m. Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to leave regular session and go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of Property under 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) and Personnel Issues pursuant to 5 ILCS 20/2 (c) (1).**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**Back into regular session at 8:39 p.m.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to increase the pay for the Executive Director to \$82,400.00, the Planner to become a salaried exempt employee and be raised to \$50,000.00 and the administrative assistant be moved to \$33,000.00.**

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**XI. Adjournment:**

**At 8:49 p.m. Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to adjourn the meeting. All voted and the meeting was adjourned.**

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

**Next MEPRD meeting will be held on Monday July 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., at the MEPRD district office 320 Regency Centre, Collinsville, Illinois.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rene' St. Peters  
Administrative Assistant**