

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday October 14, 2014

I. Call to Order Vice President Earl McDowell called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

Present were: Gene Peters, Madison County
 Barbara Hohlt, St. Clair County
 Earl McDowell, St. Clair County
 Gregory Yank, St. Clair County

 Michael Buehlhorn, Executive Director
 Bryan Werner, Planner
 Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
 John Papa, Attorney

Absent were: Harold Byers, Madison County
 Jerry Kane, Madison County

III. Public Discussion and/or comment. _None was heard.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Director Hohlt made a motion, seconded by Director Yank to approve the minutes from September 9, 2014 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Absent	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

4 ayes No nays 2 absent None abstain Motion Carried

V. Consent Agenda

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Yank to approve the consent agenda items a thru e as presented on pages 5-35.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Absent	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

4 ayes No nays 2 absent None abstain Motion Carried

VI. Finance

a) Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Hohlt to approve the payments and claims for September 2014 for MEPRD as presented on pages 36-42.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Absent	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

4 ayes No nays 2 absent None abstain Motion Carried

b) Director Hohlt made a motion, seconded by Director Yank to approve the payments and claims for September 2014 MMMP as presented on pages 43-45.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Absent	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

4 ayes No nays 2 absent None abstain Motion Carried

VII. Executive Director's/Staff Report

Finance

Sales tax revenues are up about \$13,000 over last September, and a recent fax indicates a \$9,000 raise in revenues for October. Staff completed the audit with Larry Rose. Allison, Knapp, Seikmann had merged with Scheffel/Boyle of St. Louis, and Larry Rose will still be our representative.

Health Insurance

We were informed by our Coventry representative that our rate would only increase 4.2% for the year, or \$117.00 per month to keep the same benefits. Our group was one of the lowest quoted in the area.

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity/Signage

Omer Osman of IDOT and Matt Hughes from GCS are working on possible solutions to site locations for signage at MMMP.

Truck Traffic at River Park Drive

Truck re-routing should begin October 15. The Front Street project now includes the resurfacing of Trendley to the tracks near the bridge and should be ready for bid letting in the spring for the section from MetroLink to MMMP. TRRA has raised the crossing at the tracks and repaired the approach at the underpass on the east end of Trendley Avenue. TRRA has agreed in principle on the bridge over the tracks at Bunge until the design has been completed by TWM

Scott/Troy

MEPRD met with IDOT/Feds/MCT/Juneau on property acquisition question on the trail and the issue was resolved to our credit.

CORPS Meeting

Staff attended a meeting with Colonel Mitchell from the Corps of Engineers at Eagle Points and reviewed our past and future plans regarding Chouteau Island, including the crossover at the lock and dam.

Environmental

The Executive Director and Planner attended and were speakers at an environmental event hosted by St. Clair County. The Illinois Environmental Health Association South Chapter Annual Education Conference was held at the Casino Queen and then a cleanup was held around MMMP and a tour of the facility was given.

Art on the Riverfront

The Executive Director attended a meeting with GRG, Meredith Johnson of Creativetime Artists of New York and CAR2015 regarding an art display that would be held on both sides of the river for about 18 months. No cost to the District, property to be put back in original condition and it should increase visitors as it will be part of a story in art told on the Arch and riverfront with MMMP.

MMMP

September saw about 2100 visitors during the month. There was a Heroin and Drug Abuse Recovery group that visited the park Saturday evening September 13, for a ceremony which had a crowd 200-250. A 911 Memorial group from St. Louis came down on September 13, about 40 members. The Great Food truck race featured the park in the end segment of the televised program for their winner’s announcement, about 10 minutes of airtime. Peace rally sponsored by City of East St. Louis held on October 4. Had 2,000-2300 attendees. Staff encountered minor issues.

VIII. Old Business

No old business to discuss

IX. New Business

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Hohlt to approve by omnibus vote Section IX, Items A-G.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Absent	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

4 ayes No nays 2 absent None abstain Motion Carried

- a) **Reimbursement Request: Village of Godfrey - \$99,420.78 for completed project titled Glazebrook Park Shelter and Restrooms.**
- b) **Reimbursement Request: City of Mascoutah - \$24,973.00 for completed project titled Scheve Park Improvements.**
- c) **Resolution 14-22: Grant Request from the City of Belleville for \$149,397.00 for their project titled: Bicentennial Park Improvements – Phase II.**

- d) **Resolution 14-23: Grant Request from the East St. Louis Park District for \$300,000.00 for their project titled: Pop Myles Pool and Bathhouse Renovations.**
- e) **Resolution 14-24: Grant Request from the Village of Freeburg for \$21,095.00 for their project titled: Freeburg Pool Storm Shelter.**
- f) **Resolution 14-25: Grant Request from the Village of Maryville for \$20,000.00 for their project titled: West Side Restrooms at Drost Park Lake.**
- g) **Resolution 14-26: Grant Request from the Madison County Transit for \$132,500.00 for their project titled: Nickel Plate Trail – Phase 4 Project.**
- h) **Report of Engineers/Attorney**
No report was given by District Attorney

X. Adjournment

At 11:51 p.m. Vice President McDowell asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Hohlt, seconded by Director Peters to adjourn meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rene' St. Peters
Administrative Assistant**

Next MEPRD meeting will be held on November 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.